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SYDNEY CROATIA FOR PARRAMATTA STADIUM

THERE is a distinct possibility that the upcoming Sydney Croatia — Sydney Olympic top of the table clash may be relocated at the plush Parramatta Stadium.

BY FRANK COLETTA AN ASW EXCLUSIVE

Following Croatia's "During the development of the Stadium, John (Brown) made it clear to me that if we ASW that the club were required its use at any considering going to time, that if it is not Parramatta Stadium for being used and is available then it is ours."

As it stands the Parramatta Stadium has nothing set down for that weekend. The home side, notably the rugby league Parramatta Eels are away from home that weekend.

Mr Basic continued: "It is a very interesting prospect indeed. There will certainly be a few things that will have to be ironed out prior to the game going on there but if everything is to our liking, there shouldn't be much reason not to move to the Stadium for that weekend.

Olympic are travelling very well only a point in arrears of Croatia. The match-up could well decide this year's championship.

"The game is nearly certain to attract 18000 to 20000 people. We are capable of 15,000 supporters ourselves as are the Olympic club.

"The Croatian Sports Centre as it stands only holds 13,500 and we packed that in once against St George.

"A move to Parramatta Stadium is on the cards well and truly. It's not that far away and will easily accomodate the crowd we should get. I will have talks with the Minister of Sport, John Brown this week.



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SACK COACH . . .
FRANK MACCARONE
ON WAY OUT**

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The Editor

ACCORDING to figures supplied by the Olympic Airways National Soccer League this year's match attendances have shown a 40 per cent advance over 1985.

This improvement is one to be welcomed and ASW is delighted to note the trend and to hope that it can be sustained.

There are however some fortuitous events which tend to lift this year's figures.

Very rarely have there been seasons in which adverse weather has played such a small part.

The importation of a limited number of good players has had an effect, but we would counsel against this source being over exploited in the future.

There has over the years, and particularly in Victoria, been the tendency for players to be imported rather than grown at home.

We remain at the stage where not enough senior clubs have highly skilled coaches who can really lift the top standard of the local product.

Also overestimated is the extent to which the limitation of the league to 14 teams in 1987 is improving the crowds.

In one way it has a negative result, as midfielders are being packed and far too few goals are being scored.

And then there are difficulties in treating 1985 as the base year. Due to World Cup commitments the season began very early and that took the crowds for the first few rounds below what was the norm.

When it comes to playing a 14 team league the problem and costs associated with matches postponed due to bad weather increases.

What is happening with the high costs of entry to the competitions is that money is used in large lumps on transport, accommodation and meals.

After that little remains to invest in proper publicity.

As it stands Soccer can be thankful for the print cover it receives in the specialist and daily press. Radio cover is poverty itself.

Television exposure is excellent on the SBS Network but unfortunately it is confined to certain major cities and the rest of the country misses out.

Whilst the code is very fortunate that it receives sound backing from members of some of the major ethnic communities, there will be a big deficit in future years in the even greater restriction of interest to these nationalities.

Judging on the likely composition of the 1987 league there will be big Greek support, with a certain amount from Croats, Macedonians and Italians.

Not only will certain groups go out, but community and regional clubs such as Blacktown City, Brisbane Lions, Wollongong City, Newcastle and perhaps Canberra will receive the chop.

Yes, there is bound to be a certain glamour at the top. At the same time it is easy indeed to argue that not enough homework was done when the proposed system was set up.



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THE BOSS BACK TO PUT AGE ON YOUTH

BY RAY GATT
of the Sydney Morning Herald

LES SCHEINFLUG, back at the helm as the coach of the Australian youth team, says things are slowly, but surely falling into place as preparations get underway for the qualifying series for the World Youth Cup finals in Chile next year.

A squad of 30 players went into camp for three days last week in Sydney as Scheinflug begins the tough, often heart-breaking task, of whittling the squad down to 18 players.

"Fortunately, I have some outstanding talent to choose from and, although the job will be a difficult one, I am sure I can come up with a strong team," Scheinflug said.

During a break from training at the Camperdown Travelodge last Wednesday, the man many claim should never have lost the position in the first place, discussed his hopes for this youth team.

Obviously the question of comparisons with previous Youth sides came up. But, ever the diplomat, Les fielded the curly poser with aplomb.

"Let me say firstly that moulding a team won't be any easy task. I realise that only too well, and I know the players

At this stage, Schein-

lug says he has a basis of 14 players.

"These 14 you could say will be certainties for my final squad," he said.

"The rest is open to conjecture. There are players not in the 30 man squad at the mo-

ment — like Abbas Saad and Brett Hughes (Sydney City) and Manny Spanoudakis (Sydney Olympic) who will come under strong consideration."

The only problem he could have is in the goalkeeping depart-

ment.

"I will be trying as many keepers as possible so they will have the chance to show me what they have got.

"I'd give anything to have another Tony Franken."



ABBAS SAAD, a Youth possibility.

KIWI GRANT TURNER OVERCOMES INJURY

GRANT TURNER
has bounced back
yet again from
injury.

An exploratory operation in Wellington on the All White midfielder's ankle has shown that the damage is not too serious.

It will never be as strong as it was before Turner damaged it in Spain during a World Cup build-up game but the National Mutual Miramar star should be right for another three or four seasons.

"There's definitely no retirement plans for Grant," said his coach Dave Farrington.

"It looks like he will be around for a while yet as long as he takes things carefully."

Farrington wasn't sure when Turner would be fully mobile for the joint was sore following manipulation during the operation.

Turner was back in action against Papatoetoe and that makes for a happier Farrington and Miramar.

The no-nonsense linkman has been at the steering wheel of the Wellington club's strong league performance and along the way has scored two classic goals.

Against Papatoetoe at the start of the season he climbed above goalkeeper Duncan Martin to power home a long delivery from Peter Chote.

Another memorable strike broke the back of Manurewa's effort when he dipped a long range effort under the bar.

"He's been in great touch," said Farrington. "I've given him a free role in midfield with defensive responsibilities."

"But his main function is to support our strikers, a job he does very successfully."

Turner's game against Christchurch at QEII Park is another that sticks in Farrington's mind.

Miramar snatched an important point from the improving Canterbury outfit in conditions that even the hardened Wellingtonians found uncomfortable.

Turner's recurring ankle problem forced him out of the league games against North Shore and Mt Wellington and the cup tie with Havelock North while a decision was made about his operation.

But Turner wasn't idle during that break.

The 27 year old debutant coach the Miramar reserves and spent time with Junior teams until the decision to operate was made.

And despite his injury he made himself available for the crucial league clash with DB Wellington.

"The heat was on Miramar for the game," said Farrington, "and Grant turned in a top game."

— GARY DIXON

SHE'S ALL APPLES FOR LEICHARDT

BY RAY GATT *of the Sydney Morning Herald*

APIA-LEICHARDT, one of the great clubs of Australian Soccer but now facing hard times, have shown that there is still plenty of fight left with the announcement of a working committee on Soccer.

At a special luncheon involving several of the Sydney Soccer media last Thursday, Nick Papallo, president of the licensed Apia club introduced several members of the new look committee.

"I believe the men selected are the best available and I am sure they will help this club, in respect to Soccer, get back to where it rightly belongs — at the top," Mr Papallo said.

In a brave, but sensible move, Apia has entrusted the job of resurrecting the club to several well-known and highly successful businessmen — men who know about finance and success.

They will be led by Joe Prestia, a director of Perfection Fruit and Vegetable Traders Pty Ltd and a man determined to see that Apia regains its full glory.

"I have to admit that this is a challenge, but it is one I am looking forward to nonetheless," Mr Prestia said.

He acknowledged

(Treasurer), Strom Charlton (Secretary). As well, as sub-committee has been formed for purposes of fund-raising. It is: Michael Spina, Joe Fuda, Frank Sbisa, Con Arquilla.

The new board also confirmed that Ron Orsatti will be team manager, Bob Powell will continue as promotions officer and secretary and Harry Ambrose as assistant secretary.

By rights, the new committee will have the power to act as they see fit, however, they will still be required to report back to the main committee of the Apia club.

Mr Papallo will still retain a strong interest in the Soccer section. He said he found that he did not have the time to do both jobs and believed that it was important to bring in new blood.

"The new committee will have more breathing space, although, understandably they will have to report back to me," Mr Papallo said.

Apia's move is to be commended as a progressive one and hopefully, for their sake and the sake of Australian Soccer, it proves to be a successful one.

"PLAY BRETT HUGHES" — SAYS McPHERSON TO THOMSON

"BRETT HUGHES at 18 is already one of the best goalkeepers in Australia. He is so dedicated that Eddie Thomson should play him."

This shock comment came from Sydney City's 1986 goalkeeping signing Alex McPherson — the man who has received a deal of the blame for the club's languishing down the Olympic Airways Soccer League ladder.



ALEX MCPHERSON

McPherson, so composed with both Marconi and Melita Eagles, cannot be blamed for bursting out and recommending his competitor for his job.

After all, he has been in the pressure cooker for months and there is a limit to the heat that a mere mortal can take.

Again, it should not be unexpected when he says in almost the one breath: "I was going to give the game away.

"I'm not normally a defeatist, but I feel that Sydney City should get someone better (than me)."

Then Alex changed tack again. "Personally I'd like to get back into the team, even if it takes a bit of a fight to make it."

Well, there is more to it than that. Recently Englishman Colin Darcy arrived on the scene.

Darcy has been playing for Hyde United in the English Northern Premier League. He did, we understand, previously play for Bury and had been a lad at Everton.



McPherson climbs above Graham Arnold to collect.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Now it might shed some light to run back over Sydney City's custodial situation and then have a look at the McPherson career.

DILEMMA

Firstly it should be said that it is many years since Sydney City struck anything of a goalkeeping problem.

So many in fact that maybe there should be little surprise that on this occasion they were caught unawares.

After all, the now retired Todd Clarke had been the very model of a consistent goalkeeper since joining the club from Adelaide.



TODD CLARKE

And Tony Pezzano wasn't much more than 18 when he took up the cudgels.

He was an Australian Youth international at the outset and later won selection in the Australian squad.

His sheer brilliance so often shone out even if many did not rate him as quite as dependable as big Todd.

The pair of them were more than adequate for any task that confronted them.

And Sydney City were always at the top or at worst one or two positions off the pace ever since the National League in 1977.

This year there was a cash flow problem at the club and as a result it was handy indeed to have the \$10000 that

came from APIA-Leichhardt for Pezzano's transfer.

BACKTRACK

McPherson had been born in Liverpool, England. His grandparents were

"Rex pulled no punches. He was a good coach and I had two good years playing alongside the likes of Greg Byles, Neil Wil-

make occasional mistakes.

"In retrospect I really think that it would have been better for Sydney City and Tony Pezzano if they had kept up their partnership."

But where does that leave Sydney City? For the moment Brett Hughes and Colin Darcy are carrying injuries, so McPherson might come back into calculations.

Tony Franken finishes his Canberra City contract at the end of the year and will certainly come to Sydney. It will cause no surprise if he opts for joining the Slickers.

Hughes could well win National Youth selection and would be top choice for under-study as time is on his side.

Darcy isn't a permanent resident but if he proves good enough then he has a future in Australian football.

Whatever happens for Alex McPherson remains to be seen but he will be a handy man with some worthwhile club.

Yet nothing is that cut and dried. Just look what has been happening this year.

EMERY'S FIFA JOB

ASF executive director Brian Emery served as FIFA's administrator at the city of Queretaro in the recent World Cup.

He had the task of representing the international body and of ensuring that everything was done to the greatest possible level of efficiency.

Only six fulltime officials were chosen for these jobs, with one in control at each of six venues.

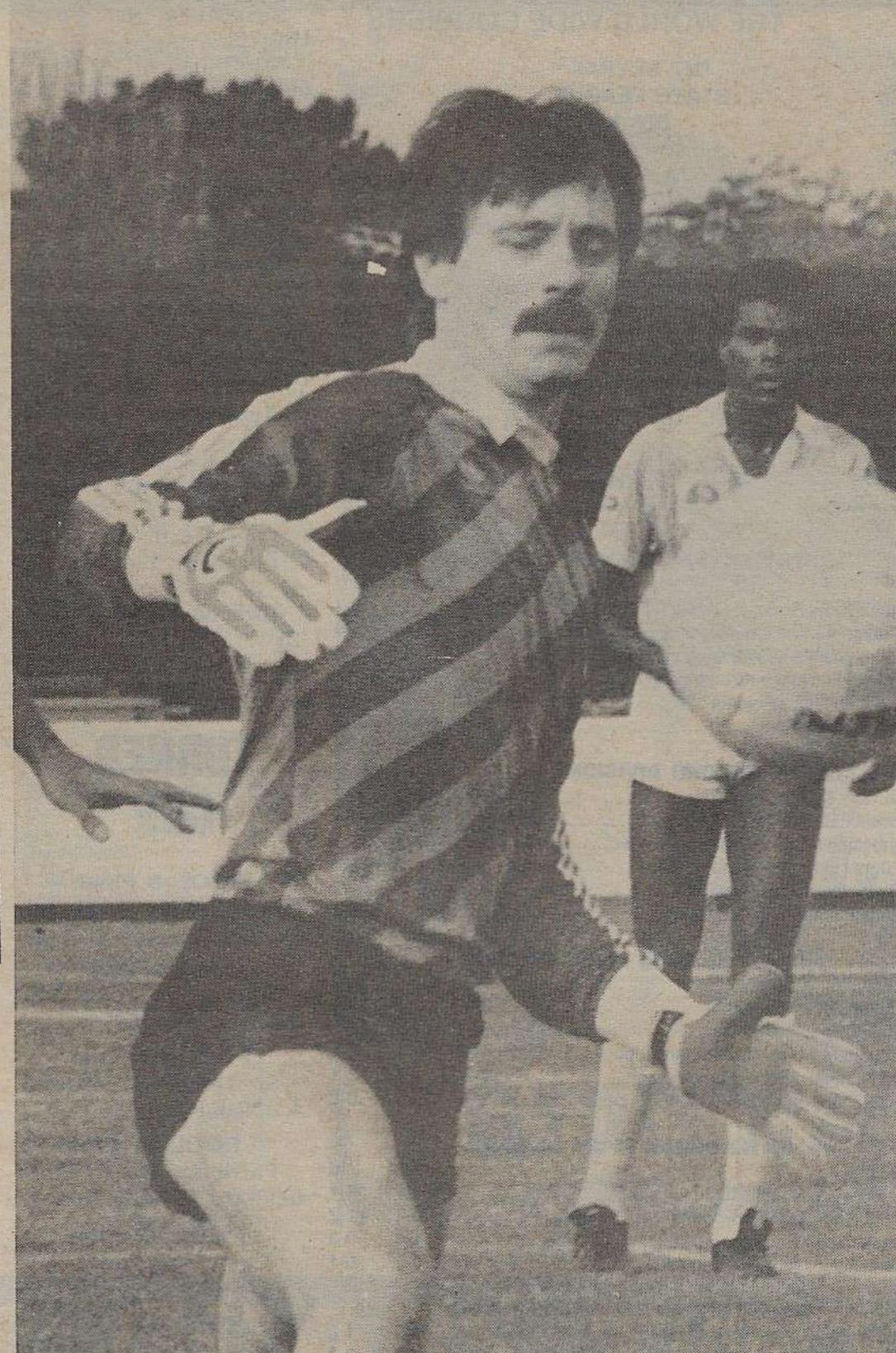
The national teams involved in proceedings at Queretaro were West Germany, Denmark, Scotland and Uruguay.

Apart from preliminary committee meetings and such events as the FIFA Congress, he had particular countdown procedures on match days.

In theory things began 2 1/2 hours before the kick off time, taking care to consult the FIFA Press Officer, the technical official, security, the police commanding officer and the local press officer.

Then followed a complete list of duties before and during the match, right through to ensuring that 'all works are finished at the end of the day.'

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will be presenting a look back to our Soccer past from week to week.



ALEX MCPHERSON does his work for Sydney City.

Thomson and McPherson were in touch and McPherson was prepared to take over at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Melita had been very happy with him, both in the National League and the State League.

Marconi's Les Scheinflug had brought him into the first team when Bruce James struck injury in the opening game of the 1985 season.

James won back his spot when the semi-finals arrived but it must be said that McPherson did the job and did it well for just about the entire season.

It had cost McPherson \$3500 to buy out his own contract and he was a free agent to go where he could find a spot that suited him.

So he took over with the Slickers but almost inexplicably he could not settle down.

Eddie Thomson contacted his old mate Les Scheinflug, who told him that Alex was a player who needed encouragement — he did not respond to a rollicking as was the case with so many other players.

As we all know people have differing natures and respond to different stimuli.

Scottish, hence his Scottish family name.

As a youngster he took to goalkeeping like a duck to water. For five years he was at Everton and then was loaned to Wrexham for a year and then brought back to give them depth in the position.

As an interesting side issue the goalkeeper he replaced at Wrexham was Eddie Niedzwiecki, who currently guards the citadel at First Division Chelsea.

Everton finally could not place him so they offered to get him fixed elsewhere.

Who then strides on to the scene but Jim Cook, then of Melbourne, who was acting as an agent to secure players for Australian clubs.

So in 1979 Alex set out to the Antipodes to join Prahan Slavia, who at that time fielded the likes of John Yendoorn, Jamie Paton, Steve Short and Steve Williams.

Alex struck job troubles and was ready to return to England. Before setting off he came up to Sydney to check the town over.

After yarning thing over with former St George goalkeeper Don Smith he joined Canterbury under coach "Big Rex" Foster.

Williams and Jim Basterfield," he said.

He well remembers the circumstances under which he set off to join Melita at the beginning of 1982.

"I married my Greek Cypriot wife Christa and I was signed by Melita before I went on my honeymoon," he recalled with absolute certainty.

In 1982 the coach was Vernon Darvill with Raul Blanco in the driving seat for 1983/84.

Melita won the NSW State League in 1983 and was only defeated in a penalty shootout by Croatia in the grand final at Sydney Sports Ground.

The club moved up to the NSL and McPherson was honoured by being voted the club's 'Player of the Year.'

With defenders such as Mickey Cross, Bob McGinn, Paul Daley and Richie Williams in front of him McPherson felt very secure.

Next he moved to Marconi and now to Sydney City.

Of his present season McPherson says: "I was going to the club which is the Liverpool of Australia and maybe I took it too lightly."

"The players in front of me are good, but I found that they also



CEC DRUMMOND (light jersey), who partnered Joe Marston for many years as full-backs for Australia, makes a clearance as South African centre-forward comes in. The crowd was 37,500, the place Sydney Cricket Ground and the year 1947.

Results & Tables from Around Australia

NORTHERN DIVISION

BLACKTOWN 1 (J Carroll) drew with MARCONI 1 (P Tredinnick) at Toongabbie. Crowd: 1718.
MONARO 1 (L Djordjieski) drew with CANBERRA 1 (H Phillips) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 620.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (M Soper, C Kalantzis) ST GEORGE 1 (A Koczka) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5258.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Z Jurin, G Arnold) SYDNEY CITY 1 (M Barnes) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5657.

NEWCASTLE 0 drew with APIA-LEICHARDT 0 at Adamstown Sports Ground. Crowd: 1200.

CANTERBURY 1 (P Zrlic) drew with WOLLONGONG 1 (P Kotamanidis) at Arlington Park. Crowd: 858.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	9	3	2	26	10	21
Sydney Olympic	6	8	—	27	14	20
Marconi	6	5	3	21	15	17
Blacktown City	6	4	4	19	20	16
Wollongong	5	5	4	15	12	15
Newcastle	4	6	4	21	22	14
St George	5	4	5	17	21	14
Sydney City	3	7	4	25	21	13
Leichhardt	3	6	5	14	18	12
Canberra	2	5	6	11	16	9
Canterbury	2	5	6	15	21	9
Monaro	1	4	9	9	30	6

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (S Jackson) drew with SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (D Crainie) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1076.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (S Maxwell 2) PRESTON 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2500.

ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (R Dunn) GREEN GULLY 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 236.

FOOTSCRAY 3 (W Spink 3) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3782.

BRUNSWICK 2 (D Vesnauer, S Patterson) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 820.

HEIDELBERG 1 (A Hunter) drew with SUNSHINE 1 (N Mitten) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 2500.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	10	2	2	22	16	22
Brunswick	8	4	2	24	7	20
Adelaide City	7	5	2	23	11	19
H'berg	6	5	3	20	17	17
South Melbourne	6	3	5	19	13	15
S'Shine	4	7	3	15	13	15
Preston	4	6	4	14	11	14
Adelaide Hellas	5	2	7	13	18	12
Brisbane Lions	3	4	7	14	17	10
Brisbane City	2	5	7	14	30	9
Melbourne Croatia	2	4	8	11	23	8
Green Gully	2	3	9	9	22	7

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	14	12	1	1	69	9	25
St George	15	10	3	2	45	18	23
Sydney City	14	10	2	2	33	11	22
Blacktown	16	9	4	3	36	29	22
Canberra	14	8	2	4	32	23	18
Marconi	15	8	1	6	29	23	17
Leichhardt	15	6	3	6	30	22	15
Sydney Olympic	15	6	3	6	25	30	15
Wollongong	15	4	1	10	19	42	9
Canterbury	15	3	2	10	14	41	8
Newcastle	15	3	1	11	14	33	7
Croatia	15	2	3	10	16	37	7
Inter-Monaro	16	2	2	12	11	55	6

CANTERBURY 2 (Marinos Adamou) WOLLONGONG 5 (Brown 2, Canvin, Arcosa, Trajevski).

NEWCASTLE 0 APIA-LEICHARDT 1 (Turnbull).

AIS 5 (Trimboli 2, P Foster 2, Clarkson) INTER MONARO 0.

INTER-MONARO 0 CANBERRA 1 (Lemezina).

CROATIA 0 SYDNEY CITY 0.

BLACKTOWN 0 MARCONI 0.

ST GEORGE 6 (Boogaard, Beluszcic, Ilic, Harmatt, Kotsias) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunshine GC	14	11	1	2	45	8	23
Heidelberg	14	8	3	3	42	23	19
South Melbourne	13	8	3	2	33	15	19
Melb. Croatia	13	8	2	3	28	13	18
Brunswick Juve.	14	7	1	6	26	15	15
Nunawading	13	5	4	4	19	22	14
Brighton	13	6	1	6	34	16	13
Preston	13	3	7	3	29	13	13
Green Gully	14	4	4	6	15	20	12
Footscray	13	4	0	9	19	31	8
Frankston	14	2	2	10	18	55	6
Fawkner	12	0	0	12	3	80	0

GREEN GULLY 1 BRIGHTON 0.
BRUNSWICK 7 FRANKSTON PINES 0.
HEIDELBERG 1 SUNSHINE 3.
FOOTSCRAY v MELBOURNE CRO. Postponed.

TNT SKYPAK
THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

TNT SKYPAK
STATE LEAGUE
DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rockdale	15	8	3	4	30	16	19
Manly Warringah	15	6	7	2	18	9	19
Ku-ring-gai	15	6	6	3	10	6	18
Wollongong	15	6	4	4	15	12	18
Sutherland	15	7	4	3	24	11	17
Melita	15	5	7	3	25	29	14
Warringah F/W	15	6	2	7	19	23	14
Polonia	15	4	6	5	19	23	14
Auburn	15	3	8	4	11	15	14
Avala	15	5	3	7	15	23	13
Penrith City	15	4	2	9	19	35	10
Fairy Meadow	15	2	1	12	12	27	5

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Melita Eagles v Rockdale Ilinden	1-1	5-1	5-1
Uruguayan Auburn v Sutherland	1-2	0-0	2-0
Penrith City v Manly Warringah	1-1	1-1	2-1
Warringah F/Water v Ku-ring-gai	0-2	0-0	4-3
Wollongong Mac v Polonia	1-0	5-3	5-1
Fairy Meadow v Avala	1-2	1-3	1-3

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	0-1	2-2	0-2
Canterbury & Dist v Dee Why	0-1	2-2	0-2
Artarmon v Bankstown Lebanon	1-1	5-0	Artfor
Campbelltown City v Blacktown United	0-0	1-0	1-1
Kingsford Hellenic v Bathurst 75	1-1	2-2	Bathfor
Nth Bankstown v Queens Park	2-1	4-0	1-2
G'ville Hornsby v SSC Yugal	1-1	3-1	0-0</

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

THOSE DISALLOWED GOALS GET MARCONI'S BACKS UP

WHEN all the heat and fire of battle had died at the Gabbie Stadium on Sunday the Marconi side and management were still rankled over the two goals that had been disallowed.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

The final score of 1-1 was fair enough provided those two split-second off-sides were in fact correct, and if you allow that Marconi had not created enough after having far the greater use of the ball.

The controversial decisions from referee Jim Reeves came in the 26th and 44th minutes.

On the first occasion a tremendous build up came from Marconi with David Lowe trying first and then John Bradley smashing the ball off the line from a Peter Tredinnick shot.

Immediately afterwards Ian Gray struck hard and was ruled offside in doubtful circumstances.

The next one was when Paul Carter drove into goal only to strike the same fate. He is not normally amongst the scorers and losing this one must have hurt him to the quick.

It appeared that Blacktown might even have laid the foundation of a victory when Joe Carroll scored in the

ninth minute.

The build up was typical of a game which long-time Blacktown supporters rated as one of the very best ever seen at the Gabbie.

Goalkeeper David Curtis sent the ball wide to left-back Darren Northam, who sprinted ahead and served a handy ball which was duly touched on for Carroll to angle it in a flash into the corner of the net.

The game was often played deep in the Demons' territory, with Gary Byrne and Craig Mason determined to rough each other up every time they came within a bull's roar of each other.

Ian Gray was doing wonders for Marconi, but unfortunately those responsible had forgotten that Osvaldo El'Ali was out in the cold until the dying minutes.

Right at the end El'Ali showed what he was made of, but it turned out to be too late for him to have a decisive effect on the result.

Marconi had a great chance to even up when David Lowe took the penalty that was

awarded when Curtis brought down Gray.

The odds were well stacked against the shot hitting one post, rebounding on to the other and then into a grateful Curtis' hands, but that in fact is exactly what happened.

In the course of the game both Bruce James and David Curtis pulled off one magnificent save each — the type of reflex jobs that are worth going miles to see.

That James' save was a 90th minute blinder from replacement defender Steve Knight, and it signalled that the 1-1 draw had arrived.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis, Willis, Northam, Ainsworth, Denyer, Byrne, Bradley, Sandy, Slater, Carroll (Knight 78m), Thornthwaite.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto (Gunning 74m), Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Jankovics, Tredinnick, El'Ali.

REFEREE: J. Reeves. Crowd: 1718.



OSVALDO EL'ALI of Marconi

BOTTOM LINE RESULT FOR BOTTOM SIDES

INTER MONARO and Canberra City played like bottom of the table teams in their 1-1 draw at Seiffert Oval.

BY KEN HEALEY

The preceding week had been traumatic for both clubs.

Monaro sacked coach Frank Marcarone after the board refused his request that Ricki Budini, Billy Willox and Ian Wotherspoon be dropped for factionalism.

Canberra's player coach, Steve Bryant, went to hospital on Friday night with suspected appendicitis.

On a pitch that made the bouncing ball behave as though it had corners, Canberra's skilful passing buildups often went astray, while Monaro relied on kick and rush tactics under caretaker joint coaches Harry Williams, who played and Steve Hoszowski, sidelined with flu.

Monaro went a goal ahead in the 14th minute when Luci Djordjeski converted a dubious penalty given when Terry Byrne made what looked like a fair tackle on Djordjeski.

Referee Ken Small did not help the game flow constantly whistling everytime two players made contact when contesting a ball.

Canberra did not level the score until the 50th minute. Ian Gibson hit Canberra's first corner.

MONARO: Antonopoulos, Tuiliwa, Williams, Titilas, Gagetti, Walsh, Carbone, Djordjeski, Perinovic, D'Addario (Brennan 67), Winn.

CANBERRA: Franken, Cant, Dunn, Byrne, Harkins, Sermanni, Hamilton, Junna, Palacios, Phillips, Gibson.

Referee: Ken Small.
Crowd: 620.

SOCEROO SQUAD

THE names of the squad of 24 for the coming three match series against the touring Czechoslovakians were released last night.

Australia plays Czechoslovakia next month on the 3rd in Melbourne, the 6th in Adelaide and the final match in Sydney on the 10th at the Parramatta Stadium.

Arok said last night: "It was a most frustrating task to name this squad. There is just so much talent around that it is impossible to accommodate everyone."

"For example I had to leave out Marconi's trio

David Lowe, Robbie Wheatley Rod Brown as well as Sydney City's Gerardo Gomez and Jean-Paul de Marigny.

"I personally was disappointed that Wheatley yet again missed out on national selection. Wheatley, since first playing for Australia in 1981 in the World Youth Championships, has maintained an outstanding level of performance but has always managed to miss out on selection for the senior national team."

When questioned when he was going to cut back the squad to a smaller number, Arok answered: "Why cut it back? I am going to use all of them."

Making his debut in the national squad is South Melbourne's

of the match from the left onto Jason Dunn's head at the far post. The ball was nodded onto the foot of Hilton Phillips, whose volley was well directed.

Dunn might have won the game for Canberra with a diving header in the 66th minute, but he knocked the ball into the arms of keeper Vic Antonopoulos, who made a reflex save.

John Walsh drove a screamer against the cross bar for Monaro two minutes before half time. At the other end Tom Sermanni's diving header had just been saved off the line by fullback Williams.

The ball left Monaro's defensive zone only twice in the final 20 minutes, but Canberra continued its frustrating form in front of goal by knocking a number of legitimate chances high or wide.

MONARO: Antonopoulos, Tuiliwa, Williams, Titilas, Gagetti, Walsh, Carbone, Djordjeski, Perinovic, D'Addario (Brennan 67), Winn.

CANBERRA: Franken, Cant, Dunn, Byrne, Harkins, Sermanni, Hamilton, Junna, Palacios, Phillips, Gibson.

Referee: Ken Small.
Crowd: 620.

MAXWELL GRABS TWO IN SMART EFFORT

TWO goals in eight minutes from Adelaide City's bulldozing striker Steve Maxwell, on trial for the Socceroos in coach Frank Arok's current camps, set Olympic Sports field alight and helped to destroy Preston 2-nil.

BY TOM MCKAIN

But his late goals and two red cards were the only highlights.

Maxwell's strike came in the 78th minute and 86th minute and the red cards from Sydney referee Richard Lorenc in the 72nd.

Up until then there

was little for the home fans to cheer about as Preston, in their usual fashion, defended like dervishes and attacked in the breakaways.

The marching orders, after SA linesman John Miller had raced onto the field to report a punch up, came following a free kick for City which was delayed as referee Lorenc sent off Preston's Bill Piculovski and home striker Paul Wilde.

This seemed to set both teams alight as five minutes after the pair left the field Maxwell raced down the right, accepted a pass from midfield and from just inside the penalty box slotted the ball past goalkeeper Phil Trainedes.

Maxwell struck again in the 86th minute this time from the left when front runner Charlie Villani went for a high ball along with Graham Woodall and the Preston man's clearance hit Villani's head and dropped.

ped for Maxwell who rifled it home.

But Preston were not finished and a drive from Gary Cole was saved by City's deputy goalkeeper Steve Niscioli, the 17-year-old star who has been standing in for five weeks following an injury to Willy McNally, who is on the short list for the Socceroos.

Sean Lane also tested the youngster earlier as had substitute Mile Necovski.

Indeed, until City scored Preston had looked the team more likely to score with Cole hitting the cross bar with a header in the first half and in the second Niscioli was there with a shot from Lane who watched a deflection from the goalkeeper's leg hit the post and stay out.

The irony of the game was that Wilde for City was substituting for key striker Joe Mullen who was suspended, and had looked most likely to notch a goal until he was sent off.

It was only when Maxwell, who had fought hard with nothing

going his way, came into the picture.

And it was Wilde's first match as a first choice, following two runs as a substitute.

City also had to battle minus midfielder Aurelio Vidmar and fielding fullback Alex Tobin as a mid-fielder.

However, Preston also had their problems with Con Opasinis and Steve Smith missing.

The win has now convinced City coach Zoran Matic that his team will be in the running for the top five playoffs and he has no doubt he will be leading the club into the "super" league next year.

ADELAIDE CITY: Niscioli, Tobin, Shillabeer, Higgins, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Maxwell, Wilde.

PRESTON: Trainedes, Roodhouse, Illoski, Dobson, Cole, Lane, Woodall, Heys, Van Edmond (Necovski 60), McLennan, Piculovski.

3 - Maxwell Adel City, 2 - Lane Preston, 1 - Melta Adel City.

Referee: R. Lorenc.
Crowd: 2385.



STEVE MAXWELL



young fullback, Angelo Postecoglou. Arok obviously has Postecoglou in mind to replace World Cup defender Alan Davidson who has declared himself unavailable for selection.

"Young Angelo is one of Australia's most exciting defenders.

"He has speed, can play on both sides, is level-headed, possesses aggression and times his overlaps very well," Arok explained.

Making a comeback to the national squad is Sydney Olympic's fiery striker, Marshall Soper.

Sydney Olympic also supplies another three players to the national squad in Peter Raskopoulos, Tony Dakos and Chris Kalantzi.

Other new members gaining selection are Robbie McDowell, Alan Hunter, Russell Stewart and Steve Maxwell.

The Squad is:
Jeff Olver, Anthony Franken, Mike Gibson; David Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos, Tony Dakos, Robbie McDowell, Robbie Dunn, Angelo Postecoglou, Alan Hunter, Graham Jennings, Zarko Odzakov, Ian Gray, Kenny Murphy, Peter Raskopoulos, Russell Stewart, Sergio Melta, Paul Wade, Steve Maxwell, Graham Arnold, Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzi, John Kosmina and Frank Farina.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

CROATIA LEAVE IT UNTIL LATE IN GAME OF DRAMA

SYDNEY CROATIA stamped their authority on this year's OASL when they came back from being a goal down to swamp Sydney City at the Croatian Sports Centre and win 2-1.

Riding home on the crest of a Graham Arnold made wave the Croatian side overpowered the stubborn resistance of the Slickers but left until the very end to make their superiority count.

Prior to their settling the issue late in the second half, Croatia were very hard done by when midway through that half they were denied a definite penalty after Alex Robertson had handled in the area only a couple of yards from referee Bob Davies.

It will remain a mystery why the OASL did not appoint one of the top referees in the country for this match, which, traditionally, is one of the hardest encounters of the season.

As always there were times when the game got out of hand and the fireworks and controversy seemed to overtake the match.

Sydney City started in dream fashion when after 14 minutes Murray Barnes nodded in the first goal. A corner from Joe Watson was misheaded by Vedran Rozic and Barnes at the far post headed from six metres and the ball squeezed under goalkeeper Steve Watson.

SOPER BOUNCES BACK IN BID FOR SOCCEROO SPOT

MARSHALL SOPER, pushing for selection in the Australian team for the coming series against Czechoslovakia, showed his best form for many weeks, to lift Sydney Olympic to a 2-1 win over St George at the St George Stadium.

It was a fast, open, attacking, entertaining match that had the 5,258 fans roaring.

Soper, who had suffered a long slump in form lately, opened the scoring for his side in the 14th minute with a well taken goal.

Peter Raskopoulos, Sydney Olympic's midfield captain, laid on a magnificent defence-splitting through-ball that found Soper in front of goals with only the St George goalkeeper, Mike Gibson to beat.

Soper calmly restrained from blasting at the target, electing to go around the keeper before slotting from the left into the net.

But the Saints balanced the books on the half hour through their gangling midfielder, Andy Koczka. Koczka hit his 20 metre free-kick that picked up a

BY FRANK COLETTA

The game was all quality, moving constantly from one end to another.

Both Frank Farina and Graham Arnold did nothing to harm their international prospects with explosive performances. Farina took Graham Jennings apart, continually leaving him floundering whilst Arnold wreaked havoc every time he went forward.

Alex McPherson came to the fore in the 32nd minute when he miraculously saved a blistering drive from Arnold. Three minutes later Barnes let loose with a long throw and Israeli import Eli Ohana turned brilliantly only to be denied by Watson's save.

In the first half Sydney Croatia created the opportunities but were much too pedestrian in front of goal.

With the game being played at a breakneck pace City could well have been two-up right on half-time when Farina was denied by a Watson save from point blank.

Croatia came out in the second half with all guns blazing but continued to be 'shot-shy'.



FARINA and RUMORA tussle.

Then in the 66th minute came the controversial moment when Jurin attempted to cross the ball but was denied by a blatant handball from Alex Robertson.

Croatian players and fans erupted but referee Davies stood firm by his decision despite the heated protests.

Later Robertson quite frankly stated that, "it was handball", whilst the referee insisted, "it was accidental as there had been no attempt by the player to play the ball with his hand, it just hit him."

The questionable decision further incited the Croatian side to press harder for the equaliser and that eventually came in the 83rd minute when a shot from substitute Emil Dragicevic was fumbled by McPherson and Jurin

was on hand to stab the ball in from close range.

Jurin's goal was a reprieve after he had missed an open goal in the 74th minute.

Prior to this Jinky Joe Watson was carried off the park after really being in the wars. After playing a strong match but as usual copping the whacks that go with his game, the ex-international was hit by a missile thrown from the angry crowd midway through the second half.

Then in the 79th minute Watson went down like a 'sack of potatoes' when Zarko Odzakov blasted a free-kick into the wall that he had been standing in. Why Joe was there in the first place is a mystery!

Croatia then asserted their authority to the extent that they grabbed the winner with five minutes remaining when a corner from Jurin found Arnold rising above the crowd in the area to head beyond McPherson.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Jennings, Rozic, Kovacic (Cinch 65), Savor, Rumora, Odzakov, Petkovic (Dragicevic 76), Rezo, Arnold, Jurin.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Barnes, Watson (Patterson 80), McCulloch, Farina, Kosmina, Ohana.

Crowd: 5657

Referee: B.Davies



GERRY GOMEZ and STEVE O'CONNOR contest a header with Marijan Kovacic.

BOUNCE OF BALL ROBS THE LIONS

BRISBANE Lions turned in one of their best performances this season against South Melbourne at Richlands last Sunday — but found that when you're luck is out the ball never bounces your way.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw but South Melbourne no doubt would have been pleased to come away with the point.

The equaliser came through a Danny Crainie penalty that Lions keeper Wayne Evans almost saved. But after knocking the ball down it rolled back behind Evans and into the net.

It was an unlucky bounce of the ball that actually led to the penalty. Russell Stewart was dispossessed by Carl Halford who slotted a pass through for the unmarked Charlie Egan.

Egan raced off his line and smothered Egan's attempt. But the ball, which could have gone anywhere, bobbed to the left for the waiting Crainie. With Evans off his line, Crainie's shot was "saved" by defender Frank Liddell, who punched over the bar.

With their NSL future now very much in the balance the draw was a valuable point lost for Lions. But had the Brisbane team played like this all season NSL axing would have been furtherest from their minds at this stage of the season.

Then shortly after good saves from their respective keepers, Evans and Peter Laumets, stopped a Steve Blair header and a rocket-like John Stewart shot.

BY GREG RUSSELL

have also struggled at times this season and in this match relied heavily on the quick break with just Egan and Stuart Stevenson up front.

While at times they did cause problems, generally Lion's back-line masters Liddell and Steve Jackson mopped up effectively.

It was Jackson who scored Lions' goal just four minutes after the break and again demonstrated that he soon must be given a chance in the National Squad.

The left back made a piercing run down the flank and carried on towards the goal to be served by a delightful chip from John Stewart.

Jackson controlled the ball and then fired a fierce shot into the far side of the net.

But there could have been more goals to the game. There were close attempts by Jarrod Austin for Lions and Stevenson for South Melbourne in the first 10 minutes.

LIONS: Evans, McSkimming, Liddell, Armit, Jackson, J. Stewart, R. Stewart, Ogden, Austin (Drury 81), Morton (Anderson 36), Richardson.

ST MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Halford, Miranda, Egan, Murphy, Crainie, Stevenson.

Crowd: 1076

Referee: Alan Kibbler.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

BRUNSWICK AT A CANTER AS FOOTSCRAY DOMINATES

IN a tame affair at Olympic Park Brunswick Juventus easily accounted for a lethargic Brisbane City by 2 goals to nil.

Very few spectators turned up for the clash and the few that were there could only have been bitterly disappointed at the standard of the Soccer displayed by both teams.

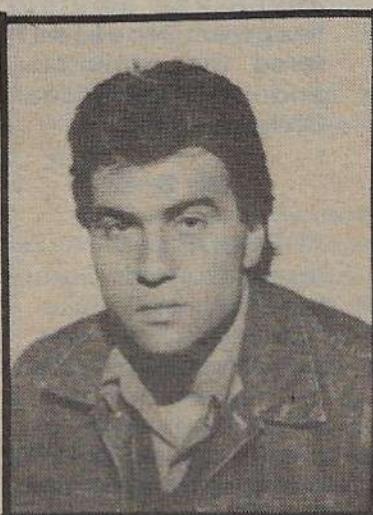
A victory by Juventus was important because it kept them in touch with league leaders Footscray JUST who also won, but their second half was dismal and coach Len McKendry described it as one of the worst 45 minutes he'd ever seen.

Juve president Joe Caruso blamed the windy conditions and the heavy track for the lacklustre game. But in all fairness two aspects really marred the game as a spectacle - the number of offsides and the unnecessary amount of back passing that took place. Both teams were culprits in this respect.

The match had very few real highlights although the first goal was the result of a magnificent personal effort from Juve full-back David Vesnaver. In the 10th minute Vesnaver took the ball from just over the half way line and commenced a run which saw him dribble three defenders and then, faced by Brisbane keeper Harrison, he calmly slotted in the goal to give Juve the lead and Vesnaver his first goal in the NSL.

From this point on Juve piled on the pressure and desperately searched for the second goal. But Brisbane, to their credit, were matching them in most departments. Then in the 33rd minute, after a period of intense pressure, Juve found the net again after a good build up.

Fleet-footed striker Andrew Zinni evaded Brisbane defenders and found himself with plenty of space on the left flank and he crossed the ball to Paul Wade, who



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

in turn headed across the area to a waiting Scott Patterson who had no trouble in putting away Juve's second and his second goal for the club since joining from Heidelberg.

Brisbane goalkeeper Harrison was instrumental in keeping the scoreline 2-nil at half time when he brilliantly saved a Wade shot in the 43rd minute. Early in the second half it was clear that the Black and Whites were looking to put the issue beyond doubt and often they had the Brisbane side on the backpedal, defending grimly to stay in the game.

The play was congested in midfield and neither team really looked dangerous, although in the 58th minute Robbie Cullen nearly made it 3-nil when his weaving 30 metre run was brought to a halt again by Harrison on the edge of the penalty area.

At this stage the match became very scrappy, especially with the number of offsides that only helped break down the many promising attacks.

Brisbane never threatened the Juve goal and at the other end Harrison was keeping his side in with some-

thing of a show by consistently thwarting Juve's forward thrusts - in the 77th minute he stopped Zinni's shot at goal.

Right at the end of the game, just after Incantalupo had his shot cleared off the line, Brisbane received a corner, only their second of the game, and from the kick Cooper caught Juve keeper Banovic off guard and hit the cross bar - ironically Brisbane's best chance of the 90 minutes.

JUVENTUS: Banovic, Campbell, Lewis, Vesnaver, Yzendoorn, Petersen, Wade (Incantalupo) Cullen, Palatsides (Durakovic), Patterson, Zinni.

BRISBANE: Harrison, Mengotti (Guglielmino), Caird, Perry, Vassques, Fabrizio, Falconer, Bromfield (Catalano), Cooper, White, Reis.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 3
MELB CROATIA 0

IN a slashing display league leaders Footscray JUST showed that they are going to be the team to beat by completely outplaying arch rivals Melbourne Croatia, recording an emphatic 3-nil victory.

The score could easily have been 6-nil as Footscray did as they pleased for the entire 90 minutes.

Hero of the game was young striker Warren Spink who scored all three goals in the 37th, 57th, and 90th minutes.

Spink showed great skill in scoring the goals but acknowledgement must be given to Lujic, Tapai, Stosic and Latif, who all combined excellently for Footscray. Their good work not only made it easy for Spink but often had the opposition mesmerized.

A low point of the entire match was the personal feud that took place between Footscray and Melbourne supporters leading to many arrests and several injuries.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barajtakaric, Vukovic,

Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Latif, Lujic, Curovic, Spink.

CROATIA: Runje, Curcio, McIntosh, Hannah, Marcovac (Abrahams), Talajic, Biskic, Campbell (Christaldo) Redmond, Gojevic, Bonacic.

HEIDELBERG 1
SUNSHINE 1

IN a game of missed chances Heidelberg and Sunshine drew 1-1 — a result which leaves both teams very much in with a chance of gaining some honours at the end of the season.

Heidelberg's goal came from a 64th minute penalty kick. Nelio Borges crossed low to Zrilic in the middle of the penalty box and he was cut down by Wollongong's central defender Ray Vlietstra.

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A throw-in on the right by David Green was headed back by Vlietstra and Peter Kotamanidis was unchallenged by the defence as he tucked the ball inside the far post.

GREEN GULLY 0
WEST ADELAIDE
HELLAS 1

BOTTOM-placed Green Gully went down by the odd goal to Hellas and it now appears certain that they will face relegation from the NSL Southern Division.

Hellas imports Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn finally displayed the form that they are obviously capable of and Dunn's second-half header gave the visitors a valuable two points.

Gully, seemingly beset by problems on and off the park, appear to have their most serious difficulties in attack where they have now managed a paltry nine goals in 14 matches.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben (Kadlerik), Fraser, Douglas, Cannell, Quigley, Campbell, Theodosopoulos, Carter, Ward, Cumming, McClelland.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstantopoulos, Manou, Panagis (Pappadopoulos), Genikas, Ward.

CANTERBURY IMPORTS STEAL THE SHOW AT ARLINGTON

BURIN ZAIMI had his best game since joining Canterbury when they gained a 1-1 draw with Wollongong City at Arlington Park on Saturday.

BY STEVE SHELDON

In fact it was his fellow import Petar Zrilic who also showed to great advantage and was the scorer of the team's goal.

Both players created numerous chances which often had the Wolves on the ropes.

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The game was a slogging affair, so much so that Canterbury coach Dom Kapetanovic classed it as "Typical English football".

Early in proceedings Canterbury went close

through Borges after an intelligent Zaimi run but Borges was unable to connect when a goal beckoned.

John Radman chipped his own keeper but Hummel luckily gathered the ball off the left post in the 29th minute. Wollongong's Randell Easthorpe raced in to intercept but he arrived a split second too late.

Canterbury might have pulled the game out of the fire in the last minute, but Warwick Young was able to hold Borges' eight metre shot after Zaimi again had been responsible for the build-up.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Akoutas, Hantzis (Jebraiel 7m), Haniotis (Kalogeras 71m), Radman, Svinos, Godzik, Zaimi, Zrilic, Licata, Borges.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Morlando, Fleming, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giraldi, Kotamanidis, Gaffney, Peil (Stefanovski 71m), Easthorpe.

Referee: R.Marshall. Crowd: 858.



ACTION from Sunday's big Olympic-St. George clash, as Peter Raskopoulos of Olympic clears the danger for his side.

RASIC CRITICAL AS APIA DRAW IN DULL GAME

RASIC RASIC was critical of referee Evan Venios and a linesman after Apia-Leichhardt had to settle for a scoreless draw with Newcastle Rosebud United at the Adamstown Sports Ground on Saturday.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

real skill and was the player of the match, although it was a day in which defenders were mostly on top.

Rosebud captain Ian Bannon and his co-defender Neil Owens stood out, as did the Apia skipper and centreback Arno Bertogna.

Clint Gosling in the Rosebud goal was faultless and dealt expertly with long-range shots from Baran, Tony Morsello, Mark Brown,

Vic Bozanic and former Rosebud's sweeper — now Apia's right full-back — Darren Stewart.

Rosebuds began in top gear, forcing four corner kicks in the first three minutes. But the next 20 minutes belonged to Apia as Baran displayed his ball control and accurate distribution.

Rosebuds had their first real opportunity to take the lead midway through the half as Sean Ingham won the ball on the left and centred for Mark Jones.

The awkward bounce found Jones off guard and his hurried volley cleared the cross bar with Tony Pezzano stranded several metres from his goal line.

Stuart Heap replaced Matthew Garland in the Rosebud line up at half time and, soon after the resumption, played Ingham into a scoring position but he, too, fired his shot over the bar from about 10 metres.

Morsello and Jim Hristovski each received a yellow card before Mark Koussas replaced Tony Parson.

However, Rosebud continued to press home their attack.

Within the last 20 minutes a Jones header from an Ingham free kick flew over the bar; John McQuarrie drove his shot off another Ingham pass across the goal mouth; Paul Crabtree set up John Cavanah on the left for a shot that flicked the left hand upright, and a header by McQuarrie was cleared off the goal line by Brown.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Milosevic, Bannon, Owens, Garland (Heap 45), Maier, Crabtree, Cavanah, McQuarrie, Ingham, Jones.

APIA: Pezzano, Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo, Stewart, Butler, Parson (Koussas 58), Baran, Bozanic, Morsello.

Referee: Evan Venios.

Crowd: 1,300.



ALEX BUNDALO of Apia.



CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

REFEREES are not too happy with their new room at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium.

Apparently, in a revamped set-up to accommodate the SA Amateur League offices, the whistlers were moved and were "flooded out" when showers blocked in their new changing-rooms.

WOLLONGONG City midfielder Bryan Cokely should have asked for a match payment even though he didn't play against Blacktown.

Cokely had been sidelined for two weeks after being sent off in the "Kosmina incident" against Sydney City.

In the SBS coverage of the Wolves-Blacktown game the commentator continually referred to Cokely and he even went close with two scoring attempts.

No-one is too sure who the commentator was talking about.

IT took 11 rounds, but it finally had to happen.

Of course, we are talking about Steve — Rocky to his friends — O'Connor, Sydney City's hard man on the field, but good bloke off it.

Rocky, minus his moustache trademark, received his first suspension of the season after accumulating 12 penalty points in the match against Newcastle two weeks ago.

And, that is not a bad effort for him — considering in past seasons Steve, by now, would have missed three or four games because of suspension!

FOR those with North Tasmanian connections, the St Leonards Rovers, originally known as Launceston Rovers, will be holding their 21st Anniversary function on August 16.

Some 300 people are expected to attend on the big night.

Information can be obtained on 003 44 7309.

POPULAR Soccer official Kevin D'Arcy has, we are sorry to say, succumbed to a bad dose of pneumonia. He won't be seen around the Sydney grounds for quite a while and wife Bridie will be on hand to nurse him back to health and strength. Best wishes from ASW and his many friends for the earliest possible recovery.

NEWCASTLE Rosebud import Stuart Heap recently scored a hat-trick for Newcastle? No, for Adamstown Rosebud in the Northern NSW First Division. This is possible as the clubs are both under the wing of Adamstown Rosebud licensed club and dual registration is permitted by the Northern NSW Federation.

BRISBANE Lions full-back Steve Jackson has been named by a Brisbane newspaper as one of the "Sports Stars" of the month in June for his efforts in helping the Maroons defeat New South Wales 1-0 at Perry Park on June 1.

Jackson now is in the running for Queensland sportsman of the year award. It's a pity a few in the South, including Frank Arok, don't recognise Jackson's fine abilities. He seems a natural to fill the vacant Socceroo right-back position.

SYDNEY Morning Herald Soccer writer Ray Gatty has declared that he will now show a little more sympathy towards coaches.

Ray has been involved this season in coaching the Fairfield Patrician Brothers under 10a team in the Southern Districts competition.

Unfortunately, luck, Gatty says, has not gone the team's way and they have managed only one win and a draw.

But, he says, there are still a few more games to go to the end of the season and he is confident they can climb off the bottom of the table.

"They are a good bunch of kids and are prepared to listen. The parents are great, too and still show tremendous interest in their kids' Soccer, which, when it is all boiled down, is more important than winning or losing," Ray said.

NOTHING went right for Brisbane Lions coach Col Bennett when he made his playing comeback against Adelaide City last week after an NSL absence of nearly three years.

On their arrival on the Saturday, the bus took Lions to the wrong hotel. Striker Clark Anderson fell ill overnight and was unavailable to play the next day when made Bennett the only substitute. Torrential rain then meant the venue for the match had to be switched. But after saddling up for a 2.30 start, Lions were told the kick-off would be delayed a further hour to allow the Adelaide supporters time to get from Olympic Field to Hindmarsh. Some of the Lions players had forgotten their screw-in studs and Bennett loaned his which meant when he went on with 20 minutes to go it was in his rubbers. Lions ended up losing 3-1.

"I just seemed to be slipping everywhere and the ball kept going over my head. Really it was a ground which would have suited my style but I just couldn't get any grip. Overall it was a weekend I would rather forget," Bennett said.

RECENTLY we had our own FA Cup winner in CRAIG JOHNSTON in Australia.

Well pictured below is another of those very fortunate few, an FA Cup winner, TOM GARRET who was a defender for the Blackpool side that defeated Bolton Wanderers in the remarkable 1953 Final known as the "Stanley Matthews' final".

Garret has lived in Wallsend for 24 years and knows all about the magic of Wembley and FA Cup Final day.

BELMONT Swansea is way out ahead in the Northern NSW First Division. They have gathered a very handy team, but their ground, Blacksmiths Oval, even though it is fenced is one of the least presentable in the Newcastle district.

WHEN clubs aren't paying their players they can hardly complain when they take a weekend off.

Tarrawanna and Illawarra striker Claude Cellini went skiing when his team played Port Kembla recently in an important home game.

It ended up 1-1 and officials felt Cellini could have made the difference between a draw and a win.

Coach Gary Masters said he was disappointed that Cellini went away but added there isn't the same spirit around clubs these days as a few years ago.

A few years ago a player would plan his social activities outside the football season or when his team had a weekend off.

Then players seemed to have that bit of thought for not letting team-mates down.

YOU couldn't meet three nicer lads than the Flounders brothers in Adelaide.

But their similarity goes beyond the family stakes.

Adelaide City's Neville was ordered off against Melbourne Juventus, amateur leaguer Noel suffered the same fate, and so did Second Divisions Neil.

ADELAIDE'S FIFA referee Donald Campbell may still make a World Cup.

A check revealed that while he will be so when the next one comes around in 1990, he will make the deadline.

As Australia's longest serving FIFA whistler it was a shock in some quarters when Chris Bambridge got the nod for Mexico.

As it is, Campbell could be selected for the Olympics in 1988.

FAIRY MEADOW teenager Paul McGuire had a teammate who didn't turn up to be thanked for his first team debut against Polonia at Chopin Park recently.

The youngster was thrown into the action when centre-half Paul Jones didn't arrive at the ground.

Jones recently joined the police force and was unable to let officials know he couldn't make the game but McGuire proved a capable replacement.

Secretary Walter Chichkan said McGuire was the best player on the field and there was no risk he would be keeping his place.

Coach Larry Ashbolt said he was very pleased with the way McGuire played and he was hoping to unearth more talent like that from reserve grade.

THERE has been some confusion among district clubs about whether players are suspended by the week or by the game.

It came to light when Aris striker John Gooding was out for two games (or weeks) and his team had a Bampton Cup match on a Sunday.

After playing Bulli on the Saturday and Lysaght's in the Cup the following day coach Robert Fryer thought the player was clear the next week to play against Warilla Wanderers.

Judiciary member Derek Hart said otherwise. "We changed it from games to weeks at the last annual meeting," Hart said.

"There should be no confusion and the new rule works both ways, because if a team has the bye or there is a washout the player includes that in his suspension period."

It would seem the old system was a lot clearer and easier to implement.

FORMER Wollongong City youth striker Darren Nees has struck form with two hat-tricks in as many games for Figtree.

He scored three against Unanderra as his team won 3-2 and bagged another three in the 4-0 win over Coniston Macedonia.

After a successful season with the Wolves last year Nees switched to State league Fairy Meadow but couldn't get to training as often as that club required.

It seems to be working in Figtree's favour and he could be in line for the leadig scorer's trophy if he keeps getting regular goals.

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TOM GARRETT



Top, ATTU ABONYI and Above ADRIAN ALSTON, both keen on the media v '74 Socceroos match.

SOCEROO striker David Mitchell has finished his holiday in Scotland.

The big man is back in West Germany training with Eintracht Frankfurt for the new European season.

SUCCESS does help.

Adelaide City now has fans again willing to travel for away games following their consistent performances in the Southern Division.

CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

LAST week we told you about the Sun newspaper Rugby League writer Geoff Prenter turning down an offer to do a 90 minute program on 2KY — so he could coach his son's under seven Soccer side.

Well, it seems Geoff made the right choice as the team did the coach proud by winning 2-1.

Still, despite his success, Geoff reckons Socceroo coach Frank Arok does not have to worry about his position ... just yet, anyway.

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ASSISTANT to John Fleming at Wollongong this season is Glenn Fontana and he is keen to go a bit further in the job next year.

A former striker with the Wolves and then with Fairy Meadow last season, Fontana has his senior ASF badge and wants to take on a State league side.

Fontana said he has learned a lot working with Fleming and any club looking for a coach next season could do a lot worse than contact him.

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SOCER EXPRESS (NZ) and Sydney Morning Herald, how could you? No disrespect to either, as both are fine publications, but really how late can you be?

You may well be wondering what ASW is talking about, well you see, over the last few weeks both have run the story of Argentina's 1978 bribe scandal with Peru in the World Cup, in big fashion.

Fine you might say? Not really because ASW ran the same story in early February, nearly five months previous!

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DAVID JACK, the Sun newspaper's Soccer writer and former ASW editor, has just returned after covering the World Cup finals in Mexico.

David said it was tough going trying to keep up with all the news because there was so much going on, but, he said, that was not the hardest part.

"They built a \$10 million press centre and, would you believe, you could not get a drink or a bite to eat in the centre," David said.

"The only refreshment they provided was free coke. Great if you like the stuff, but no good if you are looking for something a little stronger," he quipped.

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THE major talking point in Soccer late last week was the on-air "confrontation" between Sydney Olympic president Tom Doumanis and Olympic striker Marshall Soper.

Mr Doumanis and Soper were being interviewed by Les Murray on SBS television's popular Soccerama program and the exchange made for some brilliant and intriguing viewing.

Mr Doumanis started with all guns blazing and he voiced disappointment with Soper's form and attitude this season. The former Socceroo striker has not had a happy season and has been under enormous pressure.

The Olympic president told Soper that he "would have to show more commitment, resilience and determination to fight his way back."

"If he cannot do that," Mr Doumanis continued, "Then I would start to wonder whether Marshall Soper is just another flash in the pan."

Strong stuff.

But, Soper was not about to sit back and cop it all.

"I don't think I have been playing all that badly," Soper said, "It is just that I don't seem to have fitted as well with the team as before.

"It is a matter of player communication, although I guess that is the weak way out of explaining everything."

Mr Doumanis said that Soper would have to "take a long look at his own form".

"It is obviously not fair on the other players if we continue to pick a player purely on reputation when we have players on the bench who deserve a chance to play," he said.

ONE person who won't be sorry to see the end of the Sydney Sports Ground for a while is ASW staffer and Sydney Morning Herald Soccer expert, RAYMOND GATT.

You see 'Gatty', as he is known to his mates had one heck of an experience back in 1981 at the Sports Ground. The game was the infamous England — Argentina World Youth Championship match, where tempers became just a little frayed!

Yes Ray and his Herald companion, Greg Growden decided to venture onto the hill that day and had an unwanted 'bird's eye' view of the goings on.

It is history now that many were injured and much blood was spilled as rival supporters went at it hammer and tongs as 'Gatty' and Greg looked for safe ground.

How times have changed since then. Just last November another ASW staff member, Frank Colletta ventured onto the Sports Ground hill for the Australia-New Zealand World Cup qualifier, just out of curiosity for a change from the press box scene and admitted, "It was really good stuff. Of course there was the usual jibes between the Aussies and Kiwis, but it was all light-hearted and a pleasure to once again be part of a footballing crowd."

WITH the possibility of poker machines being introduced in Adelaide, local Soccer clubs are conducting drives for new members.

We understand one club has already started "sighting" fittings for machines in their already plush clubrooms. The number of machines allowed could depend on club membership.

ARGENTINA's World Cup final hero Jorge Burruchaga has a sister in Brisbane.

Mrs Liliana Sanjuan, of the outer southern suburbs of Browns Plains, followed the World Cup fortunes and shared the emotions of her brother, who scored Argentina's winning goal in the final against West Germany.

"I couldn't believe it when he scored. I was shaking as I watched the Germans comeback to make the score 2-2. I said 'well, that's goodbye Argentina', but it was fantastic when he scored the third goal", Mrs Sanjuan said.

Mrs Sanjuan has lived in Brisbane for eight years. She last saw her brother in Sydney in 1981 when he played in the Argentina side which was beaten 2-1 by Australia in the World Youth Championships.

Jorge is one of Mrs Sanjuan's younger brothers in a family of 12 children. After the final she was eagerly awaiting a call from her brother but knew it could take weeks for the excitement and celebrations to be finished in Argentina.

"As soon as the celebrations quieten down back home, he will give me a ring," she said.

Mrs Sanjuan said her brother would return to Nantes in France to complete his four-year contract with the club. He joined them last season.

"There's not much change of Jorge coming to Australia because the season is so hectic, but my husband and I are hoping to go to France later this year to watch him play," she said.

NO-ONE could blame Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer if he had other things on his mind during last week's clash against Inter Monaro.

At the same time at the Sydney Athletic Field, Manfred's daughter was playing in goals for the NSW under 17 women's side against Western Australia.

"My family deserted me," Manfred quipped, "They all went to see my daughter play and left me alone."

Unfortunately, NSW went down 1-0 to WA.

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CHARLIE Yankos may be challenging Graham Jennings for his full-back berth in the Socceroos.

Hellas coach Edmund Kreft now has Yankos at full-back, and Graham Honeyman as sweeper in his revamped line-up.

And Yankos is playing better than ever, and looking more comfortable than he did as sweeper behind fellow Socceroo Robbie Dunn.

The latter appears to have a radar-like understanding with Honeyman.

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SBS-TV, which did such a wonderful job bringing us live telecasts of the World Cup from Mexico, decided to give their production team and guests a treat as reward for their wonderful work at the conclusion of their marathon 62 hours of coverage.

Executive producer of Sport, Mr Gary Thornthwaite, organised a dinner for his team at Sydney's exclusive "Hunters' Lodge at Double Bay".

Seen here around the dinner table from left to right are: Marconi's coach, Les Scheinflug and his wife ASW's John Economos, SBS Journalist from Perth, Peter Vlahos, Frances and Tim Jaine the Station's Researcher, Amanda Hickey Production Assistant, head of the table Gary Thornthwaite Executive Sports Producer, Eva Murray and Les Murray the Station's Presenter, Rebecca and John Warren, Christine and Atti Abonyi.

The dinner party is being entertained by a Hungarian Gypsy Violinist at their table.



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ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

BIG LAUNCH FOR NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

"OVER 100,000 Australians will be registered indoor Soccer (international rules) this year according to Australian Indoor Soccer Federation president Joe Brent.

This will be a substantial increase on last year's 78,000 and indicates the phenomenal growth of the indoor game in this country.

Apart from the most encouraging growth in the number of participants Saloon Football (or the internationally played indoor game) is set for its best season ever.

Amongst other developments the Indoor Soccer Federation will:

- Host the visit of international president Mr D'Alessio from Brazil in September.

D'Alessio will be completing final arrangements for the World Championships to be staged in Australia in 1988 as part of our Bi-Centennial celebrations.

- Launch the forthcoming National Indoor Soccer League which is set the kick off on August 30 with a glamour press launch in the national capital.

Ten teams will compete in this year's NISL - two from Canberra, two from Queensland (one Brisbane, one from Mackay/Townsville), three from Sydney, one

from Adelaide and two from Victoria. Sydney Tornadoes were last year's winners.

- Announce a nation wide schoolboy competition to be sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank.

- Announce the continued backing of Buffalo Sports as the major sponsor of the Indoor game.

- Outline plans for a national development programme at youth level.

- Continue the highly successful Aboriginal Sports Development programme carried out by national coach Jim Hewson who recently visited Aboriginal youngsters to aid in their development of the Indoor game.

The Indoor game, which ideally should complement the outdoor variety, really has got its act together.

Apart from seeking private sector funding the AISF has the full backing of the Federal Government in its staging of the World Cup in 1988 and the development of the game at youth level.

Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation John Brown is the patron of the Federation and Secretary of the Dept of Aboriginal Affairs Charles Perkins is the chairman of the World Cup Organising Committee.

Venues for the World Cup finals have yet to be finalised although it appears as though they will be Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra.

International rules differ from other indoor Soccer rules in many ways. One of the great advantages of the international rules or Saloon Football is that the game can be played on a tennis court, basketball or volleyball court.

It is played with a smaller ball and there are no sideline walls to erect to play off. For many taking up the international game there is a brief run down on some of the laws of the game.

A more detailed version of the laws as well as the availability of the international ball may be obtained by ringing the AISF, Sydney 02-771 1677.

Rules governing the development of International Indoor Soccer originated in South America approximately 50 years ago and were implemented at a World Championship held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, between 12 nations. Brazil defeated Paraguay in the final 3-2.

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The game now is faster, requires more skill and demands greater participation by all players. The kick-and-miss lazy style of game cannot be used.

THE PLAYING COURT

Essentially the playing area is between 24-36m long and 14-20m wide. The court must have clearly defined side and end lines; a "D" with a 4m radius from the edge of the goal and a 3m straight line at the

top of the area facing the goal; a 6m-diameter centre circle; a centre line; and a penalty spot 6m from the goal. The goals are two metres high and three metres wide (similar to indoor hockey and European handball goals).

THE OFFICIAL BALL

The AISF (Victoria) will be using the following sizes for local competition. Generally the ball has very little bounce and appears to be underinflated:

Young children — 43-45cm circumference, 300/330gms weight; children/ladies — 53-55cm circumference, 370/400gms weight; men/youths — 53-55cm circumference, 470/500gms weight.

PLAYERS

Each team comprises five court players with up to a maximum of seven reserves.

UNIFORMS

All players must wear a matching uniform of numbered tops, shorts and socks. The goalkeeper may wear long pants and must wear a top of a colour distinctive from the rest of his team.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Teams may make up to seven substitutions within a game. Each time a player leaves the court and another enters it is regarded as a substitution (they may be the same players). Players must present themselves to the scorer and the referee before taking part in the game. Substitutions are only permitted when they have been stopped (dead ball situations) and must be completed within 30 seconds. No player replacements (substitutions) are permitted after the seventh for any reason.

TIME-OUTS

Each team is allowed one time-out of one minute duration per half. Time-outs can only be called when the ball is "dead". Teams can be

coached from the sidelines provided this action does not interrupt play.

PLAYING TIME

Centre game times for 1985/6 local competitions will be as follows:

Juniors: 15 minutes each way (24 minutes total playing time); seniors: 15 minutes each way (28 minutes total playing time).

All representative matches and Championship Divisions: Juniors: 15 minutes each with five minutes half time; seniors: 20 minutes each way with five minutes half time.

GOALS

Goals can be scored from anywhere outside the goal area from any kick except a goal-kick or the kick-off. Goals cannot be scored from any throw-in, either directly or by deflection off the goalkeeper. A player is deemed to be offside if he receives the ball inside the "D" from either a throw-in or a free kick.

PLEASE NOTE: A goal can be scored from inside the goal area "D" if the ball is deflected off an opposing player, not the goalkeeper, except when the player attempting to score is ruled offside.

FOULS

Fouls come under three classifications — technical, personal and disciplinary.

Technical: These cover physical contact or attempted physical contact such as kicking; tripping (including slide tackle); jumping; blocking from behind or in front; striking; holding; pushing; causing a player to fall when tackled; taking the ball from the keeper's hands; keeper out of goal area.

Penalty: A direct free kick to the opposing team and the recording of a foul against the offending player. (Each player is permitted five fouls per game and must leave the court after committing the fifth foul. A substitution is permitted provided the team has not used the seven substitutions. The team foul count is also increased by one.)

Personal Fouls: These include delaying tactics; blocking off the ball; blocking opponent



when ball is not playable; shepherding; bicycle kicking; back heeling; keeper throwing ball over half way (unless touched by opponent) and foul throws.

Penalty: Direct free kick and increase team foul count by one.

Disciplinary Fouls: These include entering the game without the permission of the referee; dissent; attempting to confuse opponent by hand waving etc; being out of uniform.

Penalty: The above are bookings, but do not count against the player or team as a cumulative foul. However, if the player is expelled for his misdemeanour he cannot be substituted.

TEAM FOULS

All technical and personal fouls (i.e. any free kick) are recorded against the team. Each team is allowed, for the first five fouls, to form a wall at three metres. When the referee lowers his hand the kick may be taken. Failure to keep the three metres until the ball is in play is a booking offence. From the sixth foul, no wall is permitted and a clear path to goal three metres wise must be allowed. All fouls are direct free kicks and can be scored from expect when played in the goal area. The ball must leave the goal area before being played by another player. All cumulative team fouls are cancelled at half time. Player fouls accumulate until the completion of the game.

PENALTIES

Any technical foul committed by a defending team inside the goal area is a penalty.



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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



THERE is no doubt in my mind that the standard of Soccer being served up by teams in this year's competition is the lowest since the National League was formed. The reason for the decline is not because the ability of the players has dropped but because of the changed format to be used next year.

The criteria established for inclusion or expulsion from next year's league means that club committees and coaches are aware of the final standings required by their teams to participate in the new competition.

Players are continually being reminded of the importance of every point and we now have the situation where teams are going on to the field to preserve the point for a draw they already have rather than pushing forward to try and collect the two points for a win.

This would mean opening up and giving the opposition a winning chance and coaches are not prepared to take the gamble when their club's future is at stake.

"Survival Soccer", where players panic and

boot the ball out of the danger zone to halt any attack rather than calmly retaining possession and playing the ball forward to support, is becoming the normal pattern of play.

Teams at the top, while wanting to win the competition, are still content to stack their defences, settling for a draw at any cost and consolidating their positions in the top section of the table.

In the Croatia/St George game a few weeks back Croatia took off a striker at half time and replaced him with a midfielder to add another defender.

The coach was obviously happy with the one point for a draw, despite still having 45 minutes to chase a result.



EDDIE KRNEVIC

With the pressure off next year I'm sure we will see a return to the high standard necessary to maintain a national league.

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After reading an interview with Eddie Krncevic I was amazed how informed he was regarding the Australian national team set up and the way the players are

treated by the national coach.

Considering that he plays outside the country and has never been in the national team under Frank Arok, Eddie seemed to have a fair bit to say.

That's the beauty of Australia — you can air your views on any subject you desire regardless of whether you are qualified to make a judgement or not.



Prior to his departure for Mexico the ASF president Sir Arthur George was quite vocal as to what changes he would push for regarding the qualifying games for the Olympics and the World Cup.

So far we have been given the details of the Olympic qualifying rounds but nothing has been disclosed related to Australia's fate for the next World Cup.

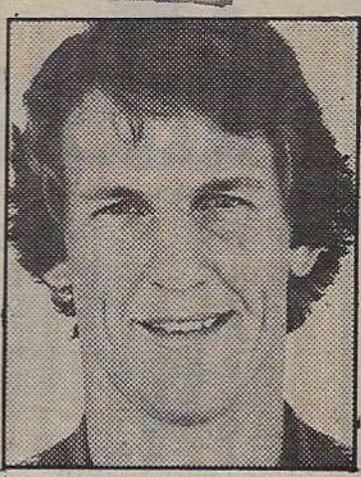
Could it be that the chiefs of FIFA could not be swayed by our leader, and we face a similar hurdle to the one we were asked to overcome for the 1986 finals?

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Personality of the week must go to Tony "Bucket" Pezzano for his display in the Leichhardt/St George game last week.

While Tony had an excellent game it was his antics and vocal encouragement to the Saint's forward line (in particular our Scottish workhorse Stewart Porter) which caught the eye of all at the ground.

Amazingly, while repelling the Saints' attack



Tony still had time to console our strikers when they missed and provide encouragement as they took shots at his goal.

The game itself exemplified the panic associated with games involving teams dreading the drop at the end of the year. There was very little constructive Soccer played as both teams battled for survival.

I'm afraid this will be even more prevalent as the season draws towards its conclusion.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK

I RATE COMMUNICATING HIGHLY

AT the start of this season I wrote in these columns that there would be many coaching casualties this season.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

I really did not think I would be one of them, even if I was to move out voluntarily.

Several days ago in conversation with Frank Arok he said: "what is wrong with you ... I heard you do not communicate very well with players."

Actually I rate myself an outstanding communicator.

Success in the insurance industry backs this up.

So does my coaching record:

Sutherland 3rd, 2nd, 1st.

St George BSC 3rd, 5th.

West Adelaide 5th.

Wollongong Macedonia 2nd, 2nd.

Fairy Meadow 1st, 1st, 11th.

I arrived in this country in 1963, not long after having played in the English First Division with Fulham, during a four year spell.

At the end of the Australian 1963 season a national Soccer paper, in a poll, rated me the third best player in the country.

I am a qualified English Football Association coach.



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The penalty spot is seven metres from the goal. All players must be at least three metres behind the ball except the keeper and the kicker. The keeper cannot move from the line until the ball is played.

GOAL KICK

Any player from the team may take a goal kick. The ball must leave the goal area and all opponent players must be three metres from the ball.

THROWS

Sidelines throw-ins must be taken from the exact spot with both feet on the ground outside the court area. The line is regarded as part of the court.

Corner throws: Players must face diagonally opposite corner with feet placed outside the court and placed so that they intercept at the corner, following the two lines.

OFFICIALS

All games must have one referee, two linesman and scorer/timekeeper.

EXPULSION

The following offences are liable to earn expulsion (i.e. no substitutions are allowed): Holding the uniform or body of an opposing player; deliberate handball; failure to keep three metres; others as mentioned in the rules.

International Rules Indoor Soccer is a game of skill and is even more enjoyable when the referee is required only to blow the whistle to start the game, for each goal and at half and full time.

Remember that all fouls count against your team and foul play can cost you the game.

There seems little point

in losing the game because of a silly foul. The game is designed to be free of physical contact.

When you foul you will be required to show your number to the scorer as directed by the referee. Managers and coaches should monitor the foul situation throughout the game.

International Rules Indoor Soccer is one of the fastest and most exciting Indoor games in the world when played according to the rules. Scores can be quite large and yet not mean a massive defeat and therefore create even more excitement for the spectator.



STEVE HOSZOWSKI

MONARO AXE MACCARONE

LONG-serving Monaro coach Frank Maccarone was dumped from the position by the club in a shock decision taken at an extraordinary meeting last Tuesday.

BY KEN HEALEY

Members of the Marco Polo Club Board together with Monaro Soccer Committee members voted 7-5 to oust Maccarone from the position he has held since midway through last season.

The meeting had been called to discuss allegations that a group of players were actively engaged in undermining Maccarone's authority and were seeking to have him removed from the coaching position.

Three players were named in the local press earlier in the week as being behind the moves to oust Maccarone but at least two and possibly three other players were part of the group.

The behind-the-scenes manouevres have been common knowledge around the Club for some time, but matters came to a head at training last Friday when the club masseur Angelo Alvarez and a number of players confirmed the existence of the group, as well as identifying its members to Maccarone.

Three players were subsequently dropped from the squad to play Sydney Olympic (1-1 result) and later publicly identified in the local press.

The reluctance of players to repeat in front of their colleagues and the meeting what they

had said earlier meant that the club was faced with the decision of making a choice between the coach and the players. Surprisingly, the Club chose to throw its support behind the players in question.

The situation of a falling-out between coaches and players is not unusual in Australian Soccer. Neither is the case of players lobbying club committees to remove a coach not to their liking.

What makes this a special case is the fact that the Club chose to throw its support behind a group of players who have been with the club for a very short time in preference to a man with such an outstanding record of achievement and loyalty to Monaro over the last nine years.

Quite apart from giving a slap in the face to a man who had been granted life membership to Monaro Soccer Club in recognition of his outstanding service to the club, the decision to remove Maccarone from the coaching position has created a dangerous precedent that the club's administration may well come to regret in the future.

By choosing to support the players in such a dispute, the club has

paved the way for similar situations to arise in the future.

Quite apart from that consideration however, it is difficult to understand how they could show such disloyalty to a coach who only last season took the team from last position when he replaced the then coach, Joe Procop, to narrowly missing a semi-final position at the end of the year.

This season started off very promisingly with the club reaching the Ampol Cup Final before injuries and sudden drop in form by many players saw them slip to their present last position on the Northern Division ladder.

The club's decision could well have been swayed by the fact that a number of the rebel players are in fact not owned by the club, but by individuals who put up the money for their transfer fees, as well as providing jobs facilitating their move from their former clubs.

Maccarone's departure resulted in the resignation of team manager Eddie Terrible and masseur Angelo "Toto" Alvarez.

For Sunday's match against Canberra City, Monaro will be under the guidance of Harry Williams and Steve Hoszowski.

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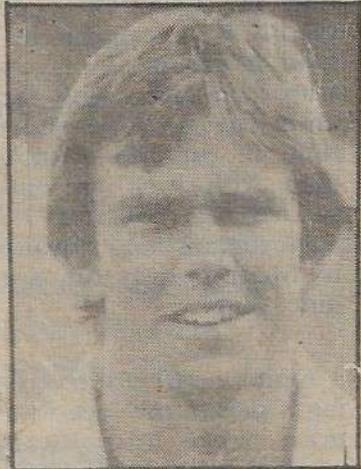
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CANBERRA TOUGH JOB AGAINST SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS will have their job cut out next Sunday at the Bruce Stadium when they take on visitors St George without their player-coach Steve Bryant and midfielder, Johnny Mihailidis.

Bryant was rushed to hospital and is under observation with a suspected kidney ailment whilst Mihailidis underwent an operation on his nose in Melbourne last week.

Both naturally must be considered as extremely doubtful for Sunday's clash.

Should Bryant be unavailable, utility back, Jimmy Cant will swing across to Bryant's left-back spot.

Canberra last Sunday played a 4-2-4 line-up in their away draw against Inter-Monaro.

Canberra probably should not attempt the same line-up against St George, who play four across the middle.

The St George midfield quartet of Pedro Ricoy, John O'Shea, Andy Koczka and Scott Ollerenshaw were most industrious against Sydney Olympic last Sunday in their 2-1 loss.

Canberra would be asking for trouble should only captain, Tommy Sermanni and Jimmy Hamilton be left in the middle.

In fact the Saints were very unlucky not to at least have gained a draw against Sydney Olympic. In the last seven minutes St George hit the post and squandered another chance which would have given them a precious League point.

Canberra City's skipper, Sermanni, said last night:

"St George are a very difficult team to handle. They are a positive side and you must not sit back and let them come to you."

"They never give up and pressure you all the time by plugging away constantly. If we are to hold them, we must shut them down very quickly, especially at the back."

"We have to stop both David Skeen and Robbie O'Shea pushing up the flanks from their back-line," Sermanni warned.

Last Sunday against Inter Monaro Canberra dominated the whole match but could not put away the chances they created.

It appears that Canberra City is in desperate need of a "box-specialist" to knock in the opportunities.

Whilst Bryant is out of action sweeper Terry Byrne has taken over the running of the team at training.

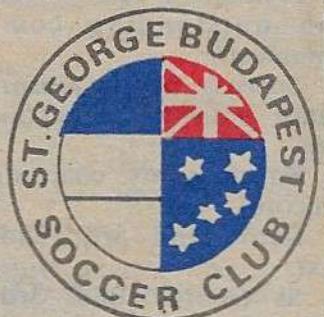
The home side is currently sitting in 10th position on the NSL ladder with a negative goal difference of five. St George are in seventh spot on the ladder also with a negative goal difference, of four goals.

Canberra City Olympians' expected line-up for Sunday's game is: Franken in goals, Defence: Jason Dunn, Jim Harkins, Terry Byrne and Jimmy Cant. Midfield: Tommy Sermanni and Jimmy Hamilton Attack: Hilton Phillips, Augusto Palacios, Ian Gibson and Ray Junna.

The St George line-up is expected to be: In goals, Mike Gibson. Defence: David Skeen, David Ratcliffe, Robbie O'Shea. Midfield: Pedro Ricoy, John O'Shea, Andy Koczka and Scott Ollerenshaw Attack: Graeme Fletcher with either Roy Cotton or Stewart Porter.



JOHN O'SHEA



DAVID RATCLIFFE

SYDNEY OLYMPIC ARE REALLY SICK OF DRAWS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC play hosts to visiting Newcastle Rosebud on Sunday at Pratten Park and will take the field with vivid memories of their first round encounter when they last met at Adamstown Oval.

In that match, Newcastle scared the living daylights out of the star-studded Sydney side as they raced to a 2 nil lead at halftime.

It was left to skipper Peter Raskopoulos to get Olympic out of jail in the last seconds of the match with an equalising goal.

Former AIS and World Youth Championship striker, Sean Ingham, took Sydney Olympic to the cleaners that afternoon as well as capping a fine individual display by cracking in two goals in their 3 all draw.

Olympic has rattled up no less than eight draws of their 14 NSL matches to date to still maintain second place on the League ladder.

Last Sunday against St George, Sydney Olympic's star-striker Marshall Soper made a spectacular return to form as well as scoring a great goal in Olympic's 2-1 win at the St George Stadium.

Olympic on Sunday will turn out with no less than four players who were drafted into the Australian squad this morning by National coach Frank Arok for the series against the touring Czechoslovakia early next month.

Gaining national selection are Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzis and Tony Dakos.

All four Olympic

players will be out to justify their national selection.

Soper upon hearing of his selection in the national squad, said last night: "It means a lot to me regaining selection for Australia."

"My form has been patchy but hopefully that is all behind me now and I am looking forward to playing some top football for my club as well as Australia," promised the powerful, fiery striker.

An in-form Soper has no peers.

Soper in full flight is one of Australia's most spectacular footballers and will certainly test out the Newcastle backline on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Newcastle, who have always made life difficult for Olympic, will come to Sydney not overwhelmed by Olympic's illustrious stars.

In Clint Gosling, Newcastle has one of Australia's top goalkeepers.

Other capable people in the Newcastle side are John McQuarrie, John Cavanah, Ralph Maier, Sean Ingham, Paul Crabtree, Bobby Naumov, Neil Owens and Mark Jones.

Newcastle, currently in sixth spot on the NSL

ladder with 14 League points from 14 matches, have a goal negative difference of 1.

Olympic on the other hand are placed in second position behind Sydney Croatia and they have 20 League points with a positive goal-difference of 13.

Newcastle have won four of their 14 matches and drawn six, (two less than Olympic).

Last Saturday, Newcastle held the visiting APIA to a scoreless draw with some sterling defensive work.

Sydney Olympic's South American midfield playmaker Vicente Estavillo was one of Olympic's stars last Sunday against St George with his immaculate distribution.

Left-back youngster Emanuel Spanoudakis is rapidly improving with every match for Sydney Olympic and is gaining confidence when coming down the line.

But in centre-back Mike Coady and right-back Martyn Rogers, Olympic has two of Australia's classiest defenders.

Sydney Olympic's likely line-up for Sunday is:

MEIER: Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis; Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Katholos; Soper, Kalantzis.

Newcastle's line-up could be:
GOSLING: Milosevic, Bannon, Owens, Garland, Maier, Crabtree, Cavanah, McQuarrie, Ingham and Jones.



Vicente Estavillo.



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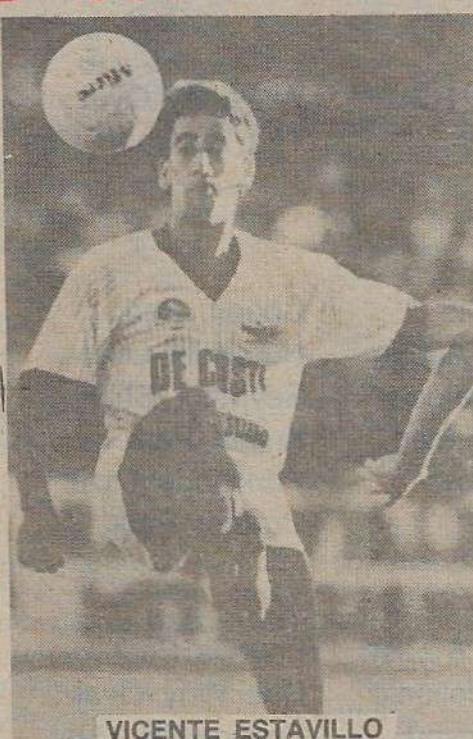
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URUGUAYANS ARE DEMANDING FANS — SAYS COACH LJUBO GOYKOVIC

THE inimitable Ljubo Goykovic was called in to take over as coach for Auburn Uruguay after they had suffered an undignifying 7-0 loss to smart outfit Melita Eagles.

The club management knew what he could do after their 1984 experience of him, which was at the stage when there was an amalgamation with the original Auburn Soccer Club.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

When the licensed Auburn Soccer Club strangely decided that they would virtually cut out their sponsorship the control passed to the Uruguayan community.

For the 1985 season it was a case of struggle and hope even though that elegant performer Vicente Estavillo, now wowing the fans with Sydney Olympic, was a member of the team.

But the Uruguayans know what they want from football. They are real connoisseurs and they insist on a team that plays that sweeping

brand of football that excites their interest.

The home crowds run from 700/1000 and it is up to Goykovic to somehow find a team that can play with South American magic and at the same time be sure and keep the points tally rising.

IMPROVERS

To date things are improving. Whilst the team is not that far from the bottom, at the same time it is also not far from the top due to better results and the congestion on the ladder as teams battle for better positions.

Auburn Uruguay began to get their act together with an undefeated run of seven games only to strike defeat at the hands of Warringah.

The rebuilt team went to Penrith City and expecting a repeat of the 4-0 first round victory.

Penrith however had been rebuilt and they were able to hold out for a 2-1 win although Uruguayan had four glorious chances to step in and take the match.

Fortunately that expert practitioner Raul Carrizo, the former coach, had decided to stay with the club and his experience is proving invaluable.

The Uruguayan players who were obtained to strengthen the team are shaping well and gradually moulding into the new environment.

IMPORTS

Luis Calcaterra is proving to be a strong player and Alvaro Perdomo should click as a midfield striker.

The team is building up its passing ability and players are so often individually attractive in style and mature in technique. Their understanding of team tactics is developing.

With that improved discipline there is a good base that will form the foundation of the team for years to come.

Two youngsters who look good in defence are Scott O'Donnell and Willie Tiriz.

Drago Tomasic and Brett Woods, signed from Croatia, have had plenty of top league play and add to a very fine defence.

Fernando Mosquera and under 20 youngster Ajtek Genc look the part in midfield.

Fraser Cuba is a very handy player but unfortunately Gary Hastie's broken jaw will keep him out of action for six weeks.

Robert Vicchiet, a youngster with an Italian background, is breaking into calculations.

Bobby Yousip was a free player who joined the club and Goykovic has a high opinion of his ability.

Other to watch out for are Miguel Oliva from the reserve team and third grade George Piatta.

Auburn Uruguay is the first Australian South American team to go places. If the club continues to grow in stature it will be a big boost for the sport and will continue to pull in the fans at their Mona Park headquarters.



BRETT WOODS in action

HIGH NOON COMES AND GOES AT AVALA CLUB

ONE TIME English professional Harry Noon was asked to come to the aid of the Avala 'party' when the team found itself languishing down the table in the NSW TNT Skypak State League.

will do extremely well in commanding the goal area.

Glen Jeffery was bought from Ku-ring-gai for his record in collecting goals. Somehow he has not clicked this year but he has the ability to come good as an attacking midfielder.

A recent hip injury has not increased the possibilities of his helping out immediately.

Then there are experienced men like Branko Kodor and Ben Divani.

One evergreen who is doing his best to reverse the results is Ross Brown.

More of the spirit that he commands could lead to Avala turning the corner.

But the immediate problem that remains is to move the ball out from the danger zone without any 'mucking around.'

And the other pressing matter looking for a solution is getting more balls into the net.

The Avala squad has its share of midfielders and defenders but more players will have to venture into the box and finish off the task.

STATE STORY

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NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

SATURDAY 19th JULY

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Bathurst '75	vs Bankstown Lebanon	Proctor Park
SSC Yugal	vs Campbelltown City	Blick Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Bondi Marine	vs North Ryde RSL	Waverley Oval
Baulkham Hills	vs Uni of NSW	Ted Horwood Res

SUNDAY 20th JULY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Polonia	vs Melita Eagles	Chopin Park
Rockdale Ilinden	vs Uruguayan Auburn	Hurstville Oval
Sutherland	vs Manly Warringah	Seymour Shaw Pk
Avala	vs Wollongong Mac	Knight Park
Ku-ring-gai	vs Fairy Meadow	Parklands Oval
Warringah F/Water	vs Penrith City	Cromer Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Blacktown United	vs Canterbury & Dist.	Francis Park
Dee Why Swans	vs Kingsford Hellenic	Dee Why Oval
Queens Park	vs Gl'velle Hornsby	Erskineville Oval
North Bankstown	vs Artarmon	Potts Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Granville Chile	vs C'belltown Gunners	Bensley Road
Moorebank	vs Mt Druitt Town	Hammondville Oval
West United	vs King Tomislav	Harold Read Res
Rooft Hill	vs Port Hacking	Cawarra Park

STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

FOUR OFF IN THRILLER

ALMOST 2,300 spectators witnessed Melita hold front-runners Rockdale Illinden to a 1-1 draw in one of the most exciting games of the year at Melita Stadium.

The draw brought up Rockdale's 10th game without defeat and Melita's seventh draw in 15 matches.

The game itself was hard, fast and skilful and ended up quite surprisingly with four players being sent from the field.

Rockdale opened the scoring in the 12th minute when striker Jim Ristevski blasted a shot past Melita's keeper Dragan Pupovac.

Melita almost levelled the score in the 62nd minute when Ray Farrugia rattled the crossbar, but they had to wait a further eight minutes before drawing even.

In that minute Melita's midfielder Andrew Callanan split the Rockdale defence with a dazzling run into the penalty area but was upended by a defender before he had a chance to shoot.

Referee Roger Doneau had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Farrugia coolly converted the penalty.

Doneau remained in the action and handed out red cards to Melita's Len Vial and Rockdale's Vlado Torevski for fighting in the 71st minute, Melita's John Gregson for a foul in the 89th minute and Melita's John Foxman in the third minute of injury time.

Farrugia was easily the player of the match.

MELITA: Pupovac, McCoy, Williams, Lomas (Gregson 24 min) Wilson, Callanan, Farrugia, Vial, Farnsworth, Foxman, Dalton (Meerbani 80min).

ROCKDALE: Berry, G Wilson, Rodas, Pilovski, D Wilson, Torevski, Darlington, Nastoski (Jones 71min), Nastevski, Genovese, Ristevski.

Penrith while Catlin and Campbell shone for Manly. Referee Kevin Tooke also had an outstanding game.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton, Hebb, Campbell, Shaw, Jamieson, Thompson, Cross, Quaraby, Greg, Hunter (Martinez 78min).

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, Van Egmond, Dick Robin, Stuart Davison (75min), Campbell, Hetherington, McIntosh, Allan Marshall.

W'GONG MAC 1
POLONIA 0

WOLLONGONG Macedonia kept in the race for premiership honours when they edged out Polonia 1-0 in a hard fought clash at Berkeley Sports Ground.

Polonia played well enough to earn at least a point but were let down by some less than scintillating finishing and some fine goalkeeping by Wollongong's Geoff Robinson.

Wollongong took the lead in the 70th minute when an inswinging corner by player-coach John Bingham, was headed in from close range by big defender, Peter Ruskin.

Polonia almost equalised in the 85th minute when a strong header by striker Stefan Janic looked goalbound but Robinson was on hand for Wollongong with a spectacular save.

Wollongong's Robinson, Anthony Wellborn and Chris Talevski and Polonia's Janic and Henry Sobczyk were the best performers on the day.

WOLLONGONG: Robinson, Muhlbauer, Ruskin, Talevski, Sweeney, Wellborn, Sattin, Bingham, King, Gardiner (Maleski 60min) Giraldi.

POLONIA: Anderson, Chau, Pratt, Robertson, Kulwicki, Colusso (Lucchesi 75min) Sobczyk, Giekie, Drys, Janic, Pop.

KU-RING-GAI 2
W'GAH F'WATER 0

Nigel Groome and Neil Williamson were outstanding for Ku-ring-gai.

W'GAH: Bowman, Watt, Sterrey, J. Bottalico, Green, Berry, A. Bottalico (Speranza 78min) Tkachuk, Corrigan, Burke, Djene (Friend 75 min).

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson, Nile, Bass, Quigley.

AVALA 2
FAIRY MEADOW 1

AVALA had their first win in five games when they cruised to a 2-1 victory over bottom-placed Fairy Meadow at Corimal Memorial Park.

Avala had the better of the play in the first half and went ahead in the 20th minute through a 25 metre thunderbolt by Zoran Blazic.

Fairy Meadow pulled a goal back in the 54th minute and should have salvaged a point after Avala were forced to battle with 10 men after Tony Marino was shown the red card for dissent in the 75th minute.

However, the incident seemed to recharge the visitors and five minutes from full-time, striker Mickey Bratkovic slammed a 17 metre drive between the keeper's legs to bring up the final scoreline.

Ross Brown, in his new role as centre-back, starred for Avala in a game that would have pleased their newly reappointed coach, John Dordjevic.

AVALA: Thurlow, Blackburn, Divani, Brown, Steven, Blazic, Marino, Jeffery, Radak, Filipovic, Bratkovic.

URUGUAYAN
AUBURN 1
SUTHERLAND 2

TWO late goals by replacement striker, Craig Hall kept Sutherland's title chances alive when they scraped in with a 2-1 win over Uruguayan Auburn in an entertaining match at Mona Park.

Auburn outplayed the visitors for almost the entire game and went ahead in the 60th minute when Gary Hastie capitalised on a great pass by Mosquera.

However, Sutherland never stopped trying and eventually drew level in the 75th minute when Hall hooked a pass into the top right corner.

Just three minutes later, Sutherland took the lead when Auburn's keeper Rossano, collided with one of his defenders and Hall was on hand to tap the ball in from two metres.

Sutherland's keeper, Craig Burchmore and Auburn's Alvaro Pertomo were the players of the match.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods, Tiriz, Mosque, Carrizo (Vechet 45m) Hastie, Calcaterra, Jenc, Pertomo.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Cox, Terry, Burrows, Parsons (Hall 72min) Meades, Harrington, Johnston (Lerond 67min) Hughes, Sharp.

— STEVE SHELDON —



JOHN LAVIN

PENRITH CITY 1
MANLY W'GAH 1

PENRITH continued their fairy-tail run, picking up their sixth point in the last four matches, with a 1-1 draw with co-leaders Manly Warringah in an exciting match at Cook Park.

Manly, who have gone nine games without a loss, began strongly and hit the front in the 13th minute when midfielder Robbie Stuart latched onto a pass by Doug McIntosh and left keeper Darryl Edwards with no chance.

Penrith came out fighting in the second half and drew level in the 60th minute thanks to a mix-up in the Manly goalmouth which saw keeper Bob Catlin caught out by a back-pass by midfielder Jimmy Campbell.

The goal gave Penrith added confidence but seemed to have the opposite effect on the visitors.

Don Campbell and Edwards stood out for

SOPER'S STORY?

BY RAY GATT
of the Sydney Morning Herald

SYDNEY OLYMPIC Soccer coach Manfred Schaefer has defended his beleaguered striker Marshall Soper, who is under attack because of his disappointing form this season.

Schaefer declared Soper was on the way back after his performance for Olympic against Inter Monaro last Sunday week.

Soper, who came on as a substitute, scored Olympic's goal in the 1-1 draw but, more importantly showed a determination and spirit which many within the club considered had been sadly lacking in his play this season.

"Marshall is on the way back and there is no way I would leave him out of the team if he performs the way he did," Schaefer said. "But the hardest thing for Marshall came when I had to tell him, in front

recently but I have also always had faith in him and I am sure he will go all the way from here on."

Schaefer revealed that Soper had hardly had a happy week leading up to the Inter Monaro game.

"After the previous game against Canterbury I had to fine him because he did not sit on the bench after I had replaced him and then I had to fine him again last Tuesday because he missed training," Schaefer said.

"But the hardest thing for Marshall came when I had to tell him, in front

of all the others, that he was dropped for the match against Monaro.

"But even though the guy has been under so much pressure, he accepted it all. To me, that is a great show of character and I won't have anyone else telling me otherwise."

To compound Soper's problems he appeared with club president Mr Tom Doumanis on the SBS television program Soccerama, which was screened last Friday week, and was told that he would have to "show more commitment, resilience and determination to fight his way back".

"If he cannot do that," Mr Doumanis said, "then I would start to wonder whether Marshall Soper is just another flash in the pan."

The interview was a major talking point at the weekend.

Mr Doumanis held nothing back and Soper was not prepared to sit back and take it all.

"I don't think I have been playing all that badly," Soper said. "It is just that I don't seem to have fitted in as well with the team as before."

"It is a matter of player communication, although I guess that is the weak way out of explaining everything."

Mr Doumanis said that Soper would have to "take a long look at his own form".

"It is obviously not fair on the other players if we continue to pick a player purely on reputation when we have players on the bench who deserve a chance to play," he said.

ROUND 2

Forster 2 Nelson Bay

1, Toronto 3 Kurri Kurri

1, Morisset 0 West Wallsend 5, Booragal 2

Kotara 2*, Waratah 2

Raymond Terrace 1, Cardiff 2 Swansea 1,

Gatehead 0 Jesmond 3, Cessnock 5 Scone 0, Muswellbrook 0 Singleton 3, Dungog 0 Francis

Greenway 5, Merewether 5 Maitland

0, Rutherford 0 Glendale 3, Warners Bay 2, Broadmeadow 0 Whitebridge 7.

ROUND 3

Wallsend 3 Forster 0, Toronto 1 West Wallsend 2, Kotara 5 Waratah 1, Cardiff 0 Jesmond

0, Cessnock 0 Singleton 1, Belmont 0 Franias

Greenway 1, Merewether 2 Glendale 0, Newcastle 2

Whitebridge 3.

ROUND 4

Wallsend 2 West Wallsend 4, Kotara 4, Cardiff 3, Singleton 0

Francis Greenaway 1, Merewether 0 Whitebridge 4.

ROUND 5

West Wallsend 3

Kotara 2, Francis Greenaway 2

Whitebridge 3.

SOCER SHIELD

GIRLS

Oxley 0 Warners Bay 3, Kelso 2 McArthur Girls 1, Hoxton Park 1 Canterbury 2, Kirrawee 2 Penrith 2.

NORTH COAST

ROUND 1

Kadina 0 Lismore 1, Kendall 0 Chatham 3.

FINAL

Lismore 3 Westport 0.

HUNTER REGION

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 1

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Gville Chile	14	9	5	0	30	13	23
Rooty Hill	14	6	6	2	21	12	18
Bondi Marine	14	6	6	2	21	13	18
West United	14	7	3	4	21	17	17
Mt Druitt Town	14	6	3	5	15	13	15
North Ryde	14	7	1	6	16	20	15
Ctown Gunners	14	6	2	6	18	12	14
Port Hacking	14	4	4	6	20	23	12
Moorebank L'p	14	5	2	7	15	19	12
Uni. of NSW	14	4	3	7	18	11	16
Baulkham Hills	14	3	3	8	23	31	9
King Tomislav	14	1	2	11	11	40	4

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 2

Moorebank L'p 14 10 3 1 44 15 23

Boni Marine 14 9 2 3 34 16 20

Gville Chile 14 8 3 3 34 20 19

Ctown Gunners 14 7 4 3 30 13 18

Rooty Hill 14 7 3 4 22 19 17

West United 14 5 6 3 24 17 16

Baulkham Hills 14 5 4 5 26 26 14

North Ryde 14 4 2 8 23 29 10

Port Hacking 14 4 2 8 24 33 10

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

BRISBANE IN STRUGGLE FOR NSL SPOT

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco has brought a little realism into calls for Queensland to enter a "Brisbane United" team into the National League.

Brusasco has pointed out that while there is a lot of merit in the suggestion for Brisbane City and Lions to combine their resources, both clubs have probably missed the boat.

"There is no provision in the entry criteria for next year's National League to accommodate a Brisbane United," Brusasco said.

"The way it (the criteria) was structured, the teams have been told if they meet the criteria they would be in. What team after winning its way into the 14 would concede a place to a Brisbane United? Maybe City and Lions should have pooled their resources at the beginning of this year."

After years of both clubs plodding along independently, the Brisbane United proposal has rapidly gained support in recent weeks as both Queensland clubs struggle to stay with the leaders in the Southern Division.

The two teams, which both need a top five or better placing in this year's competition to grab a top 14 position, are cemented in the lower half of the table.

Under the Brisbane United plan, it has been proposed to combine the state's best players in the one team to be based at Soccer headquarters, Perry Park. The team would have no affiliation to a club and would be promoted as representative of the state.

"The Brisbane Bullets (the NBL Basketball Champions) have shown what can be done if a Brisbane team is promoted in the right way and there is no reason why Soccer cannot follow a similar format," said Lions Secretary Mr Lawrence Oudendyk, who has canvassed the united proposal.

"If we can snare one place in the 14 then it will be pointless either Lions or Brisbane City continuing on in their own right. It will be the chance to start afresh and I think a united approach is the only one which will work."

While the birth of "Brisbane United" now hinges on Queensland gaining a berth in the 14-team National League, neither City coach Billy Wilkinson nor Lions' Col Bennett are about to concede that their fight for NSL retention is over.

But both have put the ball firmly at their respective players' feet and questioned their commitment to the cause.

BENNETT'S TACKLE INJURES DANNY

QUEENSLAND and Brisbane Lions striker Danny Wright has suffered yet another cruel injury blow, and it was accidentally inflicted by his coach Col Bennett.

Wright has damaged ankle ligaments for the third time in two years and will be sidelined until at least the end of the month.

The 22-year-old former young Socceroo injured his ankle when he was tackled by Bennett during a training game a week ago. It was the same ankle which sidelined Wright for more than a month earlier this year. In the past two years Wright has had another serious ankle injury, on the other foot, and just recently threw off a knee injury.

Bennett, who is making an NSL comeback, was involved in the training exercise as Queensland coach Bruce Stowell was taking the session.

"They have been told their football careers are on the line, they can either go for it and attempt to keep a place in the NSL or they can throw in the towel and begin imagining what it will be like playing back in the Premier League.

"And that's where most of them will be because with 10 teams being axed at the end of the year there will be players everywhere looking for clubs. No-one is going to sign players from a club which showed no fight," Bennett said.

"I can assure you there's no-one at the club who wants a fit Danny Wright more than me."

Wright, although holding no grudges, was bitterly upset over the injury as it cost him a place in the Socceroo

training camp in Melbourne last week. Wright was hopeful of impressing National coach Frank Arok enough to win selection in the Australian squad for the series against Czechoslovakia.

"Maybe I'm destined never to play for Australia. I might be meant to play for another country," he mused.

The injury came at an awkward time in Wright's career, not only was he pushing for Socceroo selection. He has been attempting to

survive one of the most critical times ever since he first started playing NSL football six years ago.

Many have been critical of Wright's play and penchant to beat players rather than off-load. Even Bennett had a long talk to his star striker after a recent match and told him to do less on the ball.

"I suppose it's a matter of just getting fit again and getting back on the field and proving the critics wrong. I am only young so this is not the end of my career," he said.

In the meantime Wright will receive physiotherapy daily.

CUTILLAS PEPS UP OLYMPIC

QUEENSLAND's latest coaching sensation Juan Cutillas may have played his trump card to gain unexpected success this season for Olympic United.

Cutillas has signed Filipino International Elmer Bedia, a 24-year-old winger.

Bedia made his debut for Olympic United last week and despite arriving only hours before the kick-off he proved to be a sensation when he came on for the last 15 minutes of the XXXX League match against North Star.

Bedia, who was rated his country's best player on a tour of the Soviet Union last year, hit the post and was desperately unlucky not to score on two other occasions during his short stint on the park.

Club officials are now predicting the clever and skilful striker can take them to the XXXX League grand final, which this year boasts a \$10,000 winner take all cash prize.

If that dream turns to reality it will cap an unbelievable year for Olympic and Cutillas.

The softly-spoken Spaniard came to Australia late last year after fleeing the troubled Phillipines. He had coached the country's Soccer and basketball teams.

Despite his fine credentials, which include a Spanish FA coaching ticket and an extensive background in Spanish first division Soccer including links with Real and Athletico Madrid, Cutillas at first found it hard to find a club.

Olympic United, who had finished the season just escaping relegation, put their faith in Cutillas and have been handsomely rewarded.

Although North Star are in a form slump, they are favoured to beat Taringa, who are in second-last place in the XXXX League table.

Coalstars should also account for Lions to stay on course for a clean sweep of the honors this season.

The Bundamba side already has won the first major piece of silverware of the season proper when they beat Easts in the President's Cup play-off at Perry Park a week ago.

It was the first time the Queensland Soccer Federation had introduced a play-off for the trophy, which symbolises first round dominance.

Coalstars and Easts were the leading teams at the end of the first round of XXXX League fixtures. Although prior to the match both sides hinted they would rest key players because the play-off carried no premiership points, in the end they fielded the near-best teams and the match was played in a pleasing competitive spirit. The match was scoreless after 90 minutes and but Coalstars took the trophy when it beat Easts in a penalty shootout.

A Lee Scriggins goal gave Brisbane City a 1-0 victory over Redlands to win the intermediate cup, for first round dominance in the QSF's Second Division.

NORTH STAR & COALSTARS FOR AMPOL CUP FINAL?

THE two teams to battle out this year's Queensland Ampol Statewide knockout cup final will be decided this weekend.

Cup holders North Star meet Taringa Rovers while Lions play coalstars in the semi-finals to be staged at Soccer headquarters.

North Star are chasing their third consecutive cup win, although they won't keep the trophy if they are successful. The Ampol Cup is the state's, and probably one of Australian Soccer's, longest running

knockout competitions.

The trophy was first won in 1959 by Oxley and has been a major event on the Queensland Soccer calendar ever since.

The competition has grown in stature as well and the prizemoney has increased accordingly. This year the total prize pool was \$16,000 with the winner picking up \$6000.

QUEENSLAND PLANS BIG REPRESENTATIVE SEASON

THE planned Queensland Soccer representative program next year could be more extensive than first imagined.

But the Queensland Soccer Federation is presently playing its cards close to its chest.

An invitation for a pre-season visit by Fiji has already been sent and negotiations for a New Zealand tour are well under way. But there are suggestions that further tours are on the cards.

QSF secretary Alan Vessey, who has been formulating the tour plans admits he has "several irons in the fire" but refuses to divulge possible destinations until all details are finalised.

"It's not fair to the people we are dealing with or to players to make premature announcements. The entire program will be announced in good time," Vessey said.

This year the Maroons' rep. program included only the annual interstate match against New South Wales, which Bruce Stowell's side won 1-0.

have been circulated, although denied by Vessey.

"I don't know where that one came from," he said.

"We get a lot of offers and proposals but our terms of touring are fairly strict and more times than not a lot of approaches come to nothing."

It is known the QSF is anxious to assemble an extensive program next season for its Maroons in the event of the state losing its NSL representation.

It is understood some within the QSF see a full touring program as one way of luring players into staying in Queensland rather than accepting offers to go south.

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An invitation for

NSW to come North will be issued again and any other touring program almost certainly would be geared to peak the Maroons for the interstate clash, which is regarded by most outside of the code as an indicator of the Queensland game's standing.

Stowell is enthusiastic about an enlarged representative program next season, although his own calendar will be filled with national under 16 commitments.

"I would like to see more Queensland games for the players' sake alone. A lot of effort goes into the interstate game and it seems a waste to let that all go once the game is over," Stowell said.

Queensland toured Fiji last year following the interstate clash and put the memory of a 0-2 loss to NSW behind them with a bold showing in the islands.

The Maroons played

three games including two against the Fiji National team.

Queensland lost the first encounter 1-2 but then reversed that score in the second match before finishing the tour with an emphatic 3-1 win over Lautoka.

A black and white photograph of Danny Wright, a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark polo shirt. He is looking slightly to his left with a neutral expression.

DANNY WRIGHT

STAGE STORY

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Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

ILLAWARRA coaches have reacted angrily to an ISA decision to introduce heavy fines for people criticising referees or generally bringing the game into disrepute.

The step was taken because administrators feel there has been too much flak directed at referees in the Wollongong Press this season.

Secretary Harry Brown confirmed the decision had been taken and that clubs were to be notified in the monthly newsletter.

"We decided there had been too much criticism of referees by coaches and officials this season and in future are liable to finds of up to \$500," Brown said.

Bellambi coach Frank Brindley, who has criticised referees this season, said he won't be paying any fine.

He said he isn't being paid to coach his team and the players aren't being paid either so there will be no way he will part with any money to the ISA.

"The referees are the best paid people in the ISA and should be open to criticism," Brindley said.

"I would like to see them try and get the money from me," was the reaction of Cringila coach Darryl Glover, while Warilla Wander-

ers coach Eddie Mullan said the whole idea is scandalous.

"They poached this idea from rugby league and I am sure it is going to cause them big problems if they try to implement it," Mullan said.

Bulli coach Norm Flanagan also gave the hands down to the idea.

"Recently I stepped in to suspend one of my players because he continually abused a young linesman and the referee just stood there and allowed it to happen," McDonald said.

Tony McDonald, coach of Oak Flats, a

life member of the ISA and former first division referee, said the association is on the wrong track.

McDonald said they should be out and about each weekend to see what is going on around the grounds.

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE SAINTS LOSE 3 — WIN 6-0

AIS and St George both stole some ground on other title aspirants Sydney City and Blacktown with convincing wins.

AIS remain two points clear of the Saints after downing Inter-Monaro 5-0 on the Polygrass surface on Saturday.

Paul Trimboli and Paul Foster both netted a double, Ian Clarkson scoring the final goal in

the Institute's rout. St George's defeat of Olympic to stay second showed great courage considering they finished the match with only eight men after Anthony George, Craig Moffitt and Ken Slavenski were all sent off in what could be described as nothing more than a competitive match.

Olympic had no answer to the constant Saints pressure.

Even when reduced to nine men St George managed a further three goals. They finished the match 6-0 winners and have broken a point clear of third and fourth place.

In other matches Blacktown and Sydney City stumbled in their title bid when both were held to scoreless draws by lesser opposition.

Croatia picked a valuable to point to move off the bottom and successfully stunted the Slickers' hopes at home on Sunday. A few miles away Marconi had the same effect on the Demons with a valuable point away from home.

Leichhardt got back on the winning trail downing Newcastle 1-0 away from home, similarly Canberra bounced back to defeat Inter-Monaro 1-0 with a Tony Lemezina goal in the 75th minute.

At Arlington Oval Canterbury staged a late fightback against Wollongong but finally went down 5-2 to the Wolves.

REFEREE HIT

NATIONAL League referee Terry Seacy has a suspected broken nose following an attack by a player in the Inter Suburban Columbian v Yagoona Macedonia game in Sydney.

It is the second week running in which a Columbian player has allegedly assaulted a referee.

NSW Referees president Doug Rennie said: "Directions have been given to referees not to handle Columbian games."

"The position is past a joke and will not be tolerated."

VALE

We report with sadness the death of George Dingwall, who was a fine winger and half-back with Canterbury Marrickville in the mid fifties. He served for many years as president of North Ryde RSL Club and always lent a hand to assist Soccer. Our sympathy goes to his wife Gladys and the members of the family.

STATE STORY

P 4



NEWCASTLE's John McQuarrie decided to stay in the Northern NSW First Division early in the year but he heeded the call of duty in the Rosebud's hour of need. He came up to the Newcastle NSL side to replace the injured Bobby Naumov and may well hold his place.



The Apple Isle

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPERA

GEORGETOWN and Ulverstone both had comfortable wins in their 14th round State League matches against Launceston United and Olympic respectively and still look like the only likely championship prospects with four rounds remaining.

Although Peter Sawdon managed not to score his customary number of goals, his team-mates chimed in. Hughes scored first,

and within a few minutes Monagle, Callaghan and Hughes again, had the game out of reach of the Blues.

Ulverstone also con-

GEORGETOWN, ULVERSTONE STILL NECK TO NECK

tinued to score goals and challenge Georgetown's Number 1 position as they plastered Olympic, 4-0.

Juventus, fielding a new look side, with Fijian Kaitani and ex-Croatia coach Davidson, travelled to Montello to see if they could return home with two

points. They did so, and with surprising ease. Colin Guest hit a hat-trick and Mies and Hemsley added other goals to which Burnie could only reply once, that being through Luttmann, one of their regular scorers.

Round 14 results:

Juventus (C. Guest 3,

Western Suburbs 2-0.
Ladder (after Rnd. 14):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	14	12	1	15	725		
Ulverstone	13	11	1	14	623		
Devonport	14	9	3	23	1221		
Juventus	14	10	0	4	1219		
Croatia	14	7	0	7	2214		
Matric	14	4	3	7	2811		
Burnie	14	3	3	8	2335	9	
Riv. Olympic	14	3	1	10	2051	6	
Launceston Utd	14	2	2	10	947	6	
Western Subs.	13	0	3	10	756	3	

DOUBLE-EDGED SYSTEM WORKS

THE Northern NSW Federation's dual registration system worked well for the State First Division side Adamstown Rosebuds on July 5.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Belmont-Swansea was then six points clear in the Tooheys 1986 First Division Championship — a margin that could have stretched to eight points had the Belswans been able to do better than their scoreless draw with the bottom team, Wallsend.

In taking the three match points from Austral United, Adamstown Rosebud recorded its 22nd successive game at the Adamstown Sports Ground without defeat.

The last time that Adamstown was beaten at home was in the second last premiership match in 1983.

CLINIC OVERFLOW

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

MANY Hunter Valley youngster should know more about the game of Soccer following their attendance at a recent coaching clinic organised by the Northern NSW Director of Coaching, Ken Kaiser.

The coaching venue was at Singleton Heights, where Kaiser was expecting about 130 youngsters to attend.

But when the time came, no fewer than 206 aspiring Socceroos had enrolled and Ken Kaiser had to enlist the aid of additional coaches to cope with the influx.

His assistants for the day included Newcastle Rosebud United players Clint Gosling, John Cavanah, Neil Owens, Mark Jones, Joe Senalski and Stuart Heap (now with Adamstown Rosebud), former First Division midfielder and current coach Peter Dewhurst, ex-national league player Bernard

Kerby, noted junior coach Rudi Sporrer, Neil Coutts and Brian Johnson.

Northern NSW Soccer Federation office assistant Simone Nicod also attended to look after some of the administrative work.

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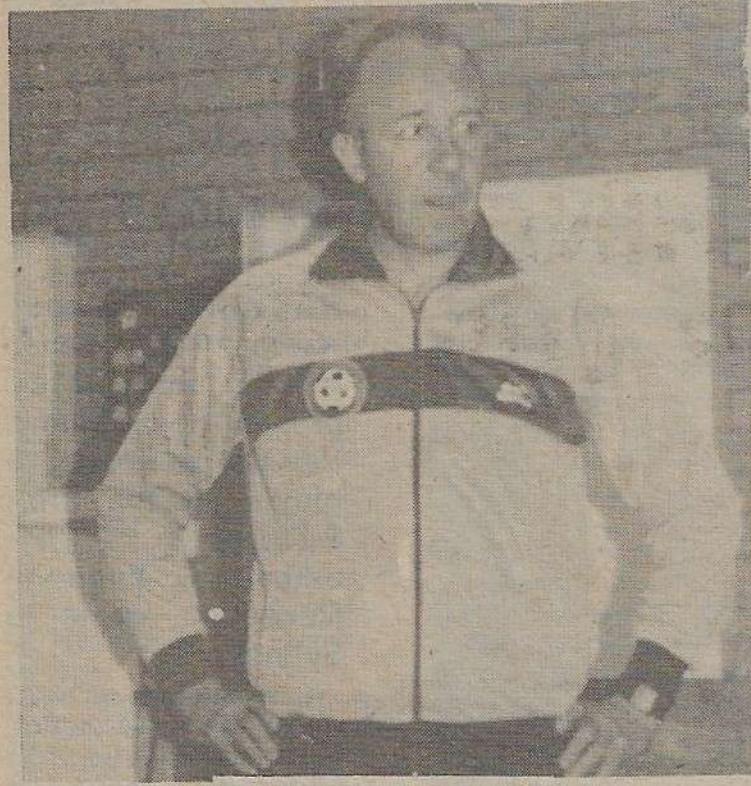
COMPETITIONS CLOSE

CLUBS who qualify for the NSW Champion of Champions in the various age groups and seniors can make their entries as soon as their positions are known.

The closing date for entries is Friday August 1 with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation competition Secretary Bill Cullinan, 1 Boree St, Eastwood 2122.

The first round of this blue riband championship will be held on Sunday September 14.

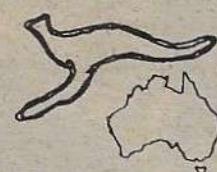
Associations have until November 8 to nominate their U13 representative teams for next year's Mini Ampol Cup.



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TOP COACHES IN COUNTRY VISIT

BY FRANK FINLAY

ALBURY-Wodonga Soccer Association players and officials had the benefit of the best coaching technique available in NSW at Albury last weekend.

The NSW Director of Coaching Alan Vest visited the Border with Brian Williamson, the staff coach of goalkeepers. Brian is a former Leeds United First Division goalkeeper of the 1960s.

Vest held the third Level II coaching seminar at Glen Park, the homeground of the AWSA's Lavington Soccer Club.

He was assisted by David Ahern. Ten players attended the course which was unfortunately marred by heavy rain.

Vest should be congratulated for being instrumental in the introduction of coaching seminars in the NSW regional centres. He has three regional coaches

covering the Riverina, Western and Southern areas.

These coaches will provide courses on a permanent basis. The final seminar in the Riverina district will be held next month.

NSW ASF president Ian Holmes and his officers must be complimented for again instigating worthwhile ideas to improve the country areas' playing standards.

Mr Holmes has been working with Vest in a very close relationship on the Operation Outreach programme since his appointment two years ago.

Vest told ASW at Albury: "There will be great benefits from the development of junior Soccer players' standards in the country districts under this scheme." The coaches will spend two weekends in each month in their allocated areas.

The new plan will cost a considerable sum and the NSWASF contributed \$18,000 towards the total cost.

The coaches involved are Vic Renkovetsky (Western), Keith Healey (Southern) and David Oherm (Riverina).

"The monthly visits to the various centres will be followed up with occasional visits from time to time to gauge the progress of the players and seek out where improvements could be applied," said Vest.

Brian Williamson said: "I have come across a few talented boys who could be developed to be star keepers if they keep attending these courses."

The three coaches will also be responsible for organising schoolboy courses during school holidays throughout the year.



VEST demonstrates

TONY RACITI

Tony Raciti has tendered his resignation as our specialist junior Soccer writer. He has covered this field for ASW for the last year. Tony will of course continue to be on the job building young players through the ranks of the APIA Leichhardt Youth League teams.

ABOVE: Left—Jason Chillman and on the right Rodrigo Brito of the Under 12 B side of the New Chilean Club. Both youngsters are prolific goalscorers.



The Under 11 Fairfield Athletic side.



The Under 9 New Chilean Club side.

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AUCKLAND'S SUCCESS IN AUSTRALIA

DESPITE being a diminutive squad, the Auckland under 14 representative squad had a very successful tour in Australia.

Under the manager/coach team of John and Paul Roberts they proved a highly skilled outfit as they caused all sorts of trouble to teams in Newcastle and Sydney.

Their five games began with a 1-1 draw with a very big team drawn from Newcastle.

They came into their own in the third game, which was against the Northern NSW champions Macquarie, and ran out 1-0 winners.

Macquarie had been unbeaten for two years and had been runners-up in the Ipswich tournament in England.

In their return game they brought Newcastle down to earth with a 2-1 victory.

And then in the final tour game they accounted for the strong Sutherland Shire with a 1-0 win under floodlights.

AUCKLAND UNDER 14s 1985-86



AIR NZ TRAN TASMAN TROPHY.

FRONT: Paul Fenton, Greg Watts, Darrel Christie, Joe Radonich (capt), Scott Hall, Martin Holmberg, Joel Facon.
MIDDLE: John Roberts (manager), Troy Jensen, Robin Lehrie, Andrew McAllister, Bruce Barnett, Paul Roberts (coach).
BACK: Clinton Groves, Tony Featherstone, Ross Bailey, Matco Farac, Mark Weseldene.

ILLAWARRA UNDER 16

BACK ROW: Norm Rombouts (coach), Elvis Atelj, Darren Bright, Neil McMillan, Rodney Patterson, Shane Hawken, Eric Beaumester. **FRONT ROW:** Justin Taylor, Andrew Thompson, David Timillero, Scott Nicholls, Craig Taylor, Walter Frutos. **ABSENT:** Doug Troth, (manager), Jason Borg, Mark Troth.



OAK BILL TURNER CUP

POOL 15

ACT — Riverina
Melba 1 d Campbell 0, Belconnen 2 d Watson 0, Canberra 3 d Melba 0.

Winner Belconnen and Canberra play the winner Wade (Griffiths) and Albury North.

POOL 1 Final

Lismore 4 d Ballina 2.

POOL 2 Semifinals

Forster d Wingham, Orara d Westport.

POOL 3 Final

Cardiff 2 d Glendale 1.

POOL 4 Final

West Wallsend 0-5p d Kotara 0-4p xt.

POOL 5

Duval 5 d T.A.S. 0.

POOL 6 Final

Semifinal Armidale v Duval — winner to meet Tamworth [Tamworth 3 d Oxley 2; Gunnedah 1 d Narrabri 0; Tamworth 3 d Gunnedah 1].

POOL 7

Whitebridge 2 d Broadmeadow 0.

POOL 8

St Edwards (Gosford) 3 d Woy Woy 1, Umina v St Edwards.

A NEW SCHOOL TO BANK ON COMMONWEALTH

CHANCES are that a new name will be engraved on the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup this year.

Only Keira, winners in 1981, are through to the last 16 from the impressive list of previous winners of NSW's most glamorous schoolboy competition.

Two hundred and eighty six schools entered this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup — and at the time of going to print 14 of the last 16 schools have never won the Cup before.

Should 1984 winners Epping beat Umina in a round 5 play-off they will join Keira as the only previous winners remaining in this year's event.

Keira also shared the Cup back in 1965 with East Hills.

There is a good chance one of this year's semi finals will be played prior to the Socceros-Czechoslovakia international at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday August 10.

The Combined High Schools, the Commonwealth Bank and the Australian Soccer Federation are to keen to stage one of the semis as a curtain raiser and the ASF is expected to make a decision on this matter shortly.

Birrong, Keira, St Johns Park and Castle Hill are already through to the last eight as the table below illustrates.

The last time Keira won the final their winning goal was scored by current Wollongong NSL star Peter Kotamadis.

Kotamadis's match deciding goal was a spectacular 20 metre side volley direct from a corner kick and was a goal that would have done the great Pele proud.

This is how the various schools won their way through to the last 16 together with a list of past winners of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

Past winners:

1962 Maroubra Bay
1963 Macquarie

1964 Wallsend

1965 Keira and East

Hills shared

1966 Strathfield

South and Cleveland

Street shared

1967 Booragul

1968 Newcastle Tech

1969 Booragul

1970 Berkeley

1971 Meadowbank

1972 Newcastle Tech

1973 Newcastle Tech

1974 Wallsend

1975 Wallsend and

Booragul shared

1976 Bankstown

1977 Canterbury

1978 Normanhurst

1979 Normanhurst

1980 Woonona

1981 Keira

1982 Marsden

1983 Kogarah

1984 Epping

1985 Kogarah

HOW THEY REACHED THE LAST SIXTEEN

LISMORE Kadina 1-0, Casino 3-0, South Grafton 2-0, Tweed 4-0, Westport 3-0.

WHITEBRIDGE Broadmeadow 7-0, Newcastle 3-2, Mereether 4-3, Francis Greenway.

NORTHMEAD Seven Hills, Whalan 8-1, Granville South 2-1, Richmond 3-1, Cambridge Park 5-3.

WEST WALLSEND Morisset 5-0, Toronto 2-1, Wallsend 4-2, Kotara 3-2.

DUBBO Narromine 5-0, Bourke 12-0, Warren 14-3, Conobolas 6-0, Bathurst 3-0.

CARLINGFORD Forest 3-0, Malvena, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills 1-0.

BIRRONG Bass 7-1, East Hills 3-1, Punchbowl 2-1, Bonnyrigg 5-2.

JJ CAHILL Randwick, Port Hacking 1-0, James Cook, Canterbury.

KEIRAL Berkeley 3-1, Corrimal 2-0, Figtree, Goulburn.

ST JOHNS PARK Moorebank 15-1, Fairvale, Westfield 2-0, Sir Joseph Banks 3-1, Fairfield 3-2.

CASTLE HILL Parramatta 3-1, Merrylands 4-0, Granville 4-1, Pendle Hill 5-1.

JOHNNY WARREN evenly balanced but still St Dominics led.

Midway through the half the game exploded!

From a corner St Dominics' Bob Casserly headed home to increase the lead.

Straight from the restart St Dominics were back on attack — a move down the left, a cross and there was Tony Stojkovski at the far post to head home.

Yet again from the kickoff St Dominics won possession, broke down the right, Scott McArdle turned his marker and scored his second goal — three goals within two minutes and Rooly Hill were reeling!

All that remained was for them to play out time and to reflect upon a scorline which in no way reflected the closeness of the match for 40 minutes.

No report could be complete without thanking the effort of the referees Alan Howes, Barry Ross, Bill Koops and cadets Matthew Casey and Grame Crapp plus the St John's Ambulance people who have given of their time to help us and lastly the enormous support from all at Melita Soccer Club.

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THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE



MACKILLOP IN CHARGE

CLIVE MACKILLOP, the assistant national coach, was in charge of the ACT team at the under 17 national championships.

He is a highly qualified coach and possesses strong secondary school teaching credentials as well.

Assisting him with the ACT under 17 team were Marianna Rollinger as manager and Tony Olivera as assistant coach.

The ACT squad was: Samantha Alston, Jodie Anderson, Penny Baalman, Elspeth Baalman, Bronwyn Calver, Belinda Cano, Laura Fisher, Alex Focken, Helen Gombar, Sara King, Sarah Lonsdale, Sophia Mathas, Suzannah McMurtrie, Kirsten Smith, Sasha Wainwright, Kim Williams.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

GIRLS' ROUND 1

Kanahooka 5 Warrawong 0, Oak Flats 4 Warilla 2, Bowral 1 Mulwaree 3.

ROUND 2

Woonona 12 Smiths Hill 0, Keira 0 Bulli 2, Kanahooka 3 Lake Illawarra 0, Oak Flats 2 Dapto 0, Moruya 0 Ulladulla 7, Shoalhaven 0 Bomaderry 5, Mulwaree 1 Moss Vale 3, Goulburn 5 Queanbeyan 1.

NO AUSTRALIAN TOUR FOR ITALIAN WOMEN'S TEAM

THE Italian women's national team will not be touring Australia this year.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

nature will be far more difficult than ever to arrange.

Australia must more and more look to New Zealand and Chinese Taipei as natural opponents and rivals.

Perhaps the only other possibilities would be to obtain a tour by one of the very strong 'United States' teams that can become available.

The failure of the Italian team to eventuate will put paid to uninformed comment about the possibility of bringing various national teams to Australia.

Financing of such tours on the very small financial base available to the AWSA is indeed a risky business.

Commenting on the situation, AWSA executive director Heather Reid said: "In the absence of the Italians it

may prove possible to stage a match between the Australian team and the Australian Universities.

"The Universities played New Zealand Universities last season and they have players available of the calibre of Barbara Webster of New England."

The national championship in Adelaide is certain to provide some excellent Soccer.

Competing states will be South Queensland, NSW, Northern NSW, ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and South Australia.

As expected there was

no chance of North Queensland competing, but the absence of the Western Australians comes as a surprise.

Once again the AWSA must seriously look at the format of the titles.

It is comparatively easy for players and officials to take a full week with the two supporting weekends off from work or study, but for many two weeks creates difficulties.

Despite the loss of the Italians there is one ray of sunshine on the horizon.

The possibility is increasing that the Australian under 17 team will play in New Zealand next March.

Arrangements are proceeding well with the Canterbury Association in Christchurch.

NSW AGAIN DOMINATE JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSW repeated their feat of winning both the U17 and U15 National Championships in Sydney last week.

The "Mother State" had also won out when the double championships were held in Hobart for the first time in 1985.

With a reservoir of players that more than equals the numbers available to the rest of Australia, NSW has a tremendous reserve pool to draw upon.

The U17 team scraped home on goal difference with Deani Pentecost of Shalvey club in the Blacktown Association scoring a valuable six goals.

The U15s went through undefeated.

Uwe Brocklow was the U17 coach assisted by Julie Dolan and with Mrs Judy James as manager.

Mrs Leonie Parker handled the U15s, aided by Phil Hiron and Wendy Thomas.

A tremendous feature of the U17 tournament was the maturity of Northern Territory, for whom Nicole Green, Tanya Dyer and Sarah Cooper put themselves on notice for National coach Fred Robins.

TITLE SHOTS

N.NSW (light shirts) v ACT pictured are Helen Gombar (ACT 3), J Burgess (6) and Tanya White (8) of N.NSW.

Northern Territory's Sarah Cooper (7) with Victoria's No 9, Melinda Hall from Bendigo.

Shaping up! The Victorian goalkeeper is in possession as Northern Territory comes in.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCE THEIR SQUAD FOR 1986 NATIONALS

THE South Australian women's squad has been selected for the National titles which will be staged in South Australia this September at the Paddocks, Para Hills.

South Australia's publicity officer, Ms Louise Jenkins told Australian Soccer Weekly: "A squad of 18 players has been named with a further six reserves should any original members become unavailable.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"The SA squad was selected last week after the State Championships and training will be held at the War Memorial Drive on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm and Saturday mornings at 9am."

"We are confident that South Australia will be one of the main contenders for first place and we are striving to

increase both media and public support for our squad."

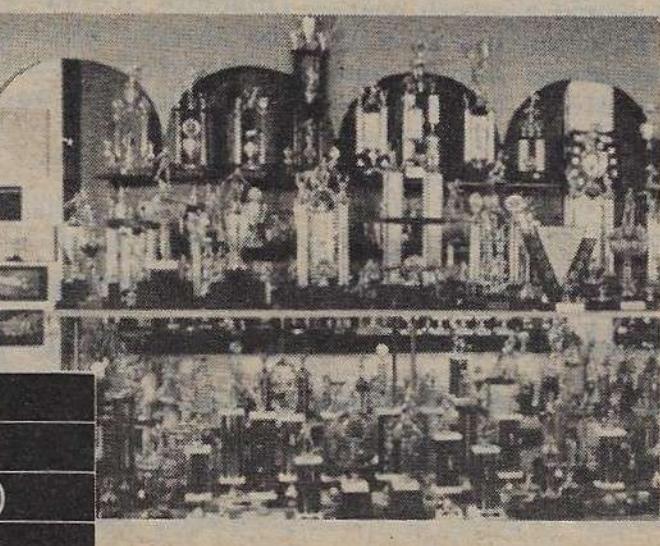
The South Australians have included their new international player, Marianna Milanovic and Moya Dodd. Both toured New Zealand this year with the Australian squad for the Oceania Cup tournament in Christchurch.

The South Australian squad is: Anthea Santarac (Croatia), Silvana Grdovic (Croatia), Franca Di Bartolo (Croatia), Marianna Milankovic (Croatia), Tracey Jenkins (Dinamo Uni), Moya Dodd (Dinamo Uni), Jill Latimer (Dinamo Uni), Sue Bradshaw (Dinamo Uni), Val Christie (Eli-

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PAUL MARINER AND THE SHAKY ISLES

ENGLISH international striker, PAUL MARINER has just completed a stint in New Zealand as a player as well as a very able television commentator.

The strapping forward turned out for the North Shore club in the New Zealanders' Rothmans League along with giving expert comments on TVNZ during their Mexican World Cup coverage.

Mariner showed his real class as his side defeated Manawatu 3-1 last weekend.

They say class will win out, and Mariner waited until his last game of his stay to prove it.

Hampered by injuries throughout his stay, Mariner had hobbled through other games and it seemed that he would not play again after one of the matches.

But he sparkled on a slushy pitch at Fuji Film Stadium as North Shore had their best win of the season.

For the first 25 minutes Shore's football flowed, with Mariner involved in most of the moves. He displayed his great passing skills as he weighted some balls, using his wet-weather experience to great effect.

As a reward he picked up his side's first goal after a cleared free-kick was smashed back towards him. He showed his finesse as he brought

the ball under control and steered it in.

As a postscript to his stay as a commentator he wrote in ASW's sister paper in New Zealand, 'SOCCER EXPRESS' and picked his World Cup team.

He said: "My World team chosen after the World Cup games doesn't include an Englishman.

"I was in two minds about Peter Shilton for the goalkeeping spot but went for West Germany's Harald Schumacher. The German made important penalty saves and several vital stops from open play.

"In one fullback position I've gone for Manuel Amoros. The Frenchman is very quick at going forward, makes telling crosses and gives width to his team.

"For the other fullback place I chose West Germany's Hans-Peter Briegel for his attacking qualities.

"Julio Cesar would be my stopper. The Brazilian is solid, very good in the air and didn't make a mistake during the cup games.

"Alongside Cesar I'd have France's Maxime Bossis who is a top man-

marker and reads the games exceptionally well.

"In the midfield I've plumped for Denmark's Frank Arnesen to play on the right. He sees runs forward by his teammates, gets into goalscoring positions and scores goals.

"In the middle, in front of the back four I would use Dijo Elzo's defensive qualities and down the left I'd have Denmark's Soren Lerby.

"Maradona would play loose alongside strikers Preben Elkjaer (Denmark) and West Germany's Rudi Voeller.

"The Argentinian would play off the strikers as he did for the World Cup winners while Elkjaer is a must with his explosive qualities and goalscoring.

"Voeller is strong and quick, can hold up the ball while support arrives, makes intelligent runs and knows where the goal is."

N.B. Published on this page is the Rothmans Soccer League table from last weekend. The widespread use of naming rights is a point of interest with the New Zealand clubs.



DIEGO MARADONA, with World Cup and Napoli.

REAL BUSINESS

THE days of the superstar manager could well be numbered.

It seems in England that newly appointed club managers are well and truly avoiding the flashy 'Champagne Charlie' image that used to be slapped on many of them.

The club chairmen are also having a lot to do with it. They seem to be well and truly fed up with appointing big-name bosses who promise so much but then deliver so little.

Arsenal's new manager is George Graham, a man generally laid back in his personal style, a quiet disciplinarian who orders his players to wear blazers and ties

and to make sure on the field that their shirts are well tucked into their shorts.

Luton Town recently gave David Pleat's old job to reserve team coach John Moore.

When he was presented to the media there wasn't a gold bracelet in sight.

And Bryan Hamilton is Leicester City's new manager. You certainly won't find his name in the headlines for all the wrong reasons.

Gladly the football management system is changing in England and all for the better.

BRAZIL's new found left-back BRANCO has joined newly promoted Italian first division side Brescia, whilst as reported in ASW a few weeks back Argentinian striker Claudio Borghi has joined Ascoli in two of the biggest moves in the highly professional Serie A.

Meanwhile Italy's major discovery in Mexico, Fernando De Napoli has left Avellino to join his namesake club, Napoli. Which gives the Neopolitan's a formidable side with the likes of Diego Maradona, Bruno Giordano and Salvatore Bagni also taking the field in the light blue.

Paolo Rossi has left AC Milan to join Verona whilst Beniamino Vignola has returned to Juventus after a year with Verona. Also at Juventus is ex-Atlanta sweeper Roberto Soldo, being groomed as a possible replacement for Gaetano Scirea.

In other big news concerning Juve, it seems certain that Ian Rush will not be joining the Turin-based champions until 1987 as the Italian FA have stuck firm to their decision of only having two foreign-based players at each club. The Zebras have obviously their full quota in Frenchman Michel Platini and Dane Michael Laudrup.

Rush will now probably continue to play the next season with Liverpool in England.

The biggest losers in the transfer-market would seem to be Verona and Fiorentina.

Verona have lost the services of Vignola, Hans-Peter Briegel

(Sampdoria) and Giuseppe Galderisi to AC Milan whilst the Florentines lost Daniele Massaro and Giovanni Galli to AC and Daniel Passarella to Inter-Milan.

The teams to beat would have to be Juventus — as always — but they have not done much 'shopping' at all, plus Napoli, whose forward-line looks awesome, and AC Milan, who have talent from top to bottom.

Some of those are Galli, Di Bartolomei, Bonetti, Franco Baresi, Massaro, Hateley, Wilkins, Virdis and Galderisi.

Verona may have lost some strength but their forward-line is also very powerful in Rossi, Di Gennaro and Elkjaer.

As ever Inter-Milan with the likes of Altobelli and Rummenigge will be right up there. But of all teams AS Roma, who have been in more than their share of troubles of late, look like they could go one better than their second position last season.

Their line-up is quite formidable, reading, Tancredi, Oddi, Baroni, Boniek, Nela, Righetti, Conti, Bergreen, Pruzzo, Ancelotti and Graziani. No less than nine internationals will be on view.



PAUL MARINER scorers for North

ROTHMANS SOCCER LEAGUE

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Mutual MIRAMAR	12	8	3	1	28	14	27
Masport MOUNT WELLINGTON	12	6	5	1	21	10	23
CHRISTCHURCH Brother UNITED	12	6	3	3	23	15	21
DB WELLINGTON	12	5	4	3	26	17	19
NZ Permanent GISBORNE	12	5	4	3	24	21	19
Wickliffe Press DUNEDIN CITY	12	5	2	5	28	20	17
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Majic Carpets MANUREWA	12	4	2	6	17	22	14
Child Freighters MANAWATU UTD	12	4	2	6	18	28	14
Hanimex NORTH SHORE	12	3	4	5	19	32	13
McKee NELSON UNITED	12	1	4	7	14	26	7
Landbase PAPATOETOE	12	0	6	6	9	19	6

ONE DEADLY DANE!

PREBEN ELKJAER-LARSEN is one heck of a footballer and his approach to football is like throwing open a window in a smoke-filled room.

Denmark's and Verona's brilliant striker swigged mineral water after the hat-trick that sank the South American Champions Uruguay and told the world: "I think we have showed you all that this game is a beautiful one.

"And before you talk to me about my three goals, I'll talk to you — about Michael Laudrup. He is now the best forward player in the world — with pace, skill and

accuracy which no other striker can match."

With that, the most feared finisher on the planet, sweat streaming down his face, threw an arm round Laudrup and muttered something clearly complimentary in Danish.

Watching these super strikers outpace some of the hardest tacklers in the game was to see all that is right in the round ball code.

The Danes may not

have gone on to live up to their expectations but they were a delight to watch for the period they remained in Mexico.

Out of the blue (rather red) one can hear a saying as Denmark attack: "This is what football fans want to see — not actors, cheats and massed defences." It was a Danish voice. Was it Elkjaer or Laudrup? Either way it was 100 per cent correct.



MICHEL PLATINI of France and Juventus confronts Norbert Eder of West Germany

THE ENGLISH GAME THAT DOMINATES THE WORLD

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ENGLAND is rightly regarded as the home, or the 'Mother Country', of football.

Yet it makes no claim to have been the first place where young men with nothing better to do began to kick a ball of rags around a patch of waste ground.

The roots of the sport are recorded in antiquity. A distant relative of today's football was played in ancient China about 2000 BC while, much more recently in comparative terms, the renaissance Florentines had their own competitive football pageant.

What English initiative brought to the game was organisation and a set of rules plus the empire-building adventurers in the 19th century who sailed bravely off around the world and took the game of "Association football" with them wherever they went.

The exploratory zeal of those innocent football pioneers is still evident today in the names of clubs throughout the world: Corinthians in Brazil; Wanderers in Uruguay; Newell's Old Boys in Argentina; Everton in Chile; Athletic Club of Bilbao in Spain; Go-Ahead in Holland; Young Boys in Switzerland; and Bohemians in Czechoslovakia. The list is extensive.

ELITE ORGANISATION

Although football has become the favourite sport of the common man, the organising impetus came from the elite of the public schools in England and from top universities such as Cambridge where, in 1848, the first universal code of rules was drawn up.

From there it was a predictable step to the Freemasons' Tavern, in Great Queen Street, London on 26 October 1863, where representatives of 11 clubs and public schools met to form the Football Association (FA) to govern this fast growing sport. By 1870 there were 39 member clubs and one year later, they decided to organise a 'Challenge Cup' competition in which every one of them could take part.

The FA Cup, the world's oldest organised football tournament, was under way. Its success led to the introduction of professionalism and in 1888, a group of 12 clubs banded together under the leadership of William McGregor of Aston Villa, to form the Football League.

The League's aim was to organise regular competitive fixtures among the senior clubs. It was established with the permission of the Football Association, but the FA had no jurisdiction over League affairs. So, to this day, English football at senior level is run by two powerful

organisations whose interests often differ.

The Football Association is responsible for administering the game throughout the country, from local amateur level to the English World Cup team.

But the England team is drawn from clubs in the Football League, an arrangement which can lead to a costly conflict of interest. Even so, the pattern of organisation in England was quickly copied in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL

The first official international match was played between England and Scotland on 30 November 1872, in Glasgow and ended in a 0-0 draw. Indeed, until the turn of the century, international football was restricted to the four United Kingdom countries.

This may serve to explain the historical anomaly of one country — Britain — being split into four for international football. Occasionally it is suggested that the "Four" would benefit from merging their competitions, governing bodies and talents.

But while they continue to harvest individual success — England, Scotland and Northern Ireland all qualified not only for the 1986 World Cup but also in 1982 — the idea will never be taken seriously.

History holds sway too on the International Football Association Board, the lawmaking arm of world football. It was set up by the four United Kingdom associations in 1882, and the only concession to change in the century since has been to share the decision-making power with four representatives of the world governing body, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

This conservative traditionalism has proved to be in the interests of the game, warding off ill-judged pressure for perpetual change which could only confuse players and dissipate interest around the world.

TOP GAME

As it is, association football is the world's leading sport and the immense success of the World Cup underlines the point.

Not that the British associations have always seen eye to eye with FIFA. The international federation was set up in Paris in 1904, and though an Englishman,

D.B. Woolfall, was one of the early presidents, it was not until 1946 that the four British associations committed themselves to permanent membership and accepted the transfer of their international jurisdiction.

It was only then that England and the rest entered the World Cup. In the 1920s and 1930s, while Europe and South America caught up with the British game in terms of organisation and ability, the four associations had been outside FIFA. By special agreement, they had been free to play against whichever countries they wanted.

Their first-ever defeat by overseas opposition was when they lost 4-3 to Spain in Madrid in 1929.

This aloofness from FIFA, however, kept European and South American opposition largely in awe of visits to England and the world famous Wembley Stadium.

It was not until 1953 that the image finally cracked when the great Hungarian team led by Ferenc Puskas won 6-3 at Wembley. It was England's first ever home defeat by Continental opponents. Suddenly the 'masters' woke up to the realisation that they had been overtaken by their long time 'pupils'.

ARSENAL DOMINATES

English professional football had perhaps been at its zenith in the 1930s. Arsenal dominated the Football League with a team whose individuals are still held in high regard.

Fullback Eddie Hapgood, halfback Wilf Copping, wingers Joe Hulme and Cliff Bastin, centre forward Ted Drake and inside forwards David Jack and Scotland's Alex James, are among the names that are still remembered.

Elsewhere in the League could be found the record goal scoring centre-forward Dixie Dean of Everton, his successor with club and

country Tommy Lawton, and the legendary outside right Stanley Matthews.

Lawton and Matthews were still there in the England team, after the war when the reigning World Cup-holders Italy, were beaten 4-0 in front of their own fans in Turin in a famous victory in 1948. From that high point England's fortunes at national team level faded. But the clubs were growing ever stronger.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS

Matt Busby's young Manchester United, with Duncan Edwards and Tommy Taylor and the fledgling Bobby Charlton, challenged the likes of Real Madrid in Europe before being destroyed in the Munich air disaster.

Tottenham became the first club this century to win the League and Cup "double" in the same season and went on to become the first British winners on the European club circuit, in the Cup-winners' Cup final of 1963.

Fourteen other British clubs followed that example: Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa, West Ham, Manchester City, Chelsea, Everton, Leeds, Newcastle, Arsenal, Ipswich and Scotland's Rangers, Celtic and Aberdeen.

However it was in 1966 that English football gained the ultimate seal of international approval, when England won the World Cup in the most appropriate setting of Wembley Stadium. That victory over West Germany, by 4-2 in extra time, provided the domestic game with a new wave of heroes led by skipper Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton, hat-trick scorer Geoff Hurst and goalkeeper Gordon Banks. So in the 103 years since that first meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, England's standing in world football had turned full circle.

Dirceu has illusions of playing for Napoli with Maradona.



The all conquering Arsenal team of the 1932-33, went on to win the English Football League championship for three years in succession. They are back row (l to r): Parker, Jones, Moss, Roberts, John and Black. Front row (l to r): Herbert Chapman (manager), Hulme, Jack, Lambert, James, Bastin

WHAT ABOUT ME?

ALTHOUGH there has been as usual plenty of movement in the Italian transfer market there remain some players of note who don't know where they are headed for season 1986-87.

Starting with Italian internationals Fulvio Collovati and Marco Tardelli, then Brazilians Toninho Cerezo, Dirceu, Batista and Edinho, Peru's Barbadillo, Eire's Liam Brady and Argentinian Daniel Bertoni are all out of a job.

They are all at the point where none of them seems to have something 'concrete' to eventuate in terms of signing.

Take Dirceu for instance. He is a superb sweeper who knows that Italian clubs are searching for strikers capable of doing the great things in the area and in front of goal. Defenders are hardly a scarce commodity in Italy.

As he said in a recent interview, he is seeking an Italian club desperately. He is not trying to kid himself.

"The most important thing for me is to remain in Italy. I can change into whatever is needed as I have in the past four years. The fact is that the people of Italy like me and want me here. Please let's not talk about money, that is not important at the moment.

Dirceu has illusions of playing for Napoli with Maradona.

Then there is Brazil's World Cup captain Edinho, who is possibly the emblem of this 'foreign legion'.

He played a fabulous World Cup with his na-

tional team but it seems no one wants him.

It appeared for a time that the case of Ramon Diaz, the former golden boy of Argentinian football, was going to be settled to his satisfaction, but . . . He had prepared himself for a



BRAZIL are out of the World Cup as France win the quarter-final penalty shoot out. At least Brazil had the satisfaction of having the most journalists in Mexico!

BRAZIL held the record in Mexico for the most journalists present at the World Cup.

For example they had nearly ten per cent of the total of media accepted by FIFA, no less than 502. Italy ran a close second. There was one competing nation that didn't take one! Guess who?

NEXT PLEASE!

SCOTLAND's Football Association has a giant headache. Who should follow Alex Ferguson into the position of Scotland manager?

The Scottish national squad will be under new management when they kick-off their European Championship campaign in September.

The guessing game has already started as to who will succeed Ferguson as national boss.

Ferguson, thrust into a dual role for club and country has already handed in his resignation.

The Aberdeen boss did not beat around the bush when he said: "The months prior to

the World Cup and then the actual tournament were murder. This is a full-time job and always must be.

"There is far too much work involved for it to be anything less. It's non-stop."

Those in line are Billy McNeill, Jock Wallace, Jim McLean and even former boss Tommy Docherty. But McNeill seems to have first crack at the job and all that remains is for him to be given the nod and to sign up.



TONINHO CEREZO in action for Brazil.

WEST GERMANY's manager Franz Beckenbauer found a very special letter waiting for him when he got home.

Turkish club Fenerbahce offered him \$500,000 . . . for just one full season as their manager! And he only came second in the World Cup!

MUNRO IS THE MAN!

NEW ZEALAND: DUNEDIN CITY's DAVE MUNRO has been around so long the Caledonian Ground in New Zealand the crowd wouldn't be surprised to see the nuggety defender take the pitch in a wheelchair.

The expatriate Scot linked up with City in the 1979 Rothmans League and has clocked up more than 200 League, Cup and friendly games for the league's only Southern-based club.

But the extraordinary

thing is that the former Larkhill Thistle fullback is only 27. If he sticks around for another few seasons he could well top the 400 appearances mark.

As it is, the question on many Dunedin fans'

lips at the beginning of every season is whether or not Munro will keep pulling on his boots.

Dunedin coach Neil Mackenzie is asked that question time and again and why he keeps playing Munro.

The answer, says the coach, is simple. "Dave keeps producing quality football ... how can I drop him?"

Munro is a real old pro. No one can question his attitude or loyalty.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING DRAW

NZFA Chairman Charlie Dempsey, representing the Oceania confederation in Mexico, achieved an important goal when FIFA announced the draw for the Qualifying Rounds of the 1988 Olympics.

It was decided that there would be a direct qualifier from the Oceania Confederation, with Israel included.

Australia is placed in Oceania Group B (to be played in Australia), alongside Chinese Taipei and Papua New Guinea. If they win this group, and everything points to the fact that they will, they then play in a final elimination group with Israel and New Zealand, depending on whether the All Whites can overcome Fiji and Western Samoa in the Shaky Isles — a real test for the Kiwis!

The final group will also consist of the best second-placed side from the two groups.

Dempsey's proposal that all qualifying matches be played in New Zealand or Australia was accepted, which means both Oceania powers will be spared the unnecessary cost of travelling to Israel, which is outside the Oceania area. The final group matches are likely to be split between Australia and New Zealand.

Next will come a play-off against a South American national team.

EUROPE

Group A: West Germany, Poland, Romania, Denmark, Greece/Cyprus.

Group B: Italy, East Germany, Portugal, Holland, Iceland.

Group C: France (holders), Hungary, Spain, Sweden, Eire.

Group D: Norway, USSR, Bulgaria, Turkey, Switzerland/Liechtenstein.

Group E: Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Belgium, Finland. (Five group winners qualify)

AFRICA

First round: Egypt v Kenya, Tunisia v Sierra Leone, Cameroon v Malawi/Rwanda, Senegal v Ghana, Morocco v Gambia, Ivory Coast v Guinea, Algeria v Sudan, Libya v Ethiopia, Zambia v Madagascar/Botswana, Mozambique v Uganda, Nigeria v Liberia, Zimbabwe v Mauritius/Swaziland. (Knock-out series, three to qualify)

ASIA (West)

Group One: Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia

Group Two: Iraq, Jordan, United Arab Emirates

Group Three: Qatar, Syria, South Yemen

Group Four: Iran, Kuwait, North Yemen (Group winners play-off, one to qualify)

ASIA (East)

Group One: India, Nepal, Pakistan

Group Two: Kampuchea, North Korea, Malaysia, Thailand

Group Three: Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore

Group Four: China, Philippines, Hong Kong (Group winners play-off, one to qualify)

OCEANIA

Group A: (in New Zealand) New Zealand, Fiji, Western Samoa

Group B: (in Australia) Australia, Chinese Taipei, Papua New Guinea (Group winners play-off with Israel and winners of play-off between runners-up in both sections)

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

ASW readers have been asking for the draw of the European Championship Qualifiers for the 1988 Finals to be held in West Germany, so here it is ...

Group One: Spain, Romania, Austria, Albania

Group Two: Italy, Sweden, Portugal, Switzerland, Malta

Group Three: France, USSR, East Germany, Norway, Iceland

Group Four: England, Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, Turkey

Group Five: Holland, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Cyprus

Group Six: Denmark, Wales, Czechoslovakia, Finland

Group Seven: Belgium, Eire, Scotland, Bulgaria, Luxembourg

West Germany qualify automatically as hosts

VAESSEN — VICTIM

FORMER Arsenal striker Paul Vaessen is to stand trial on a drugs related charge.

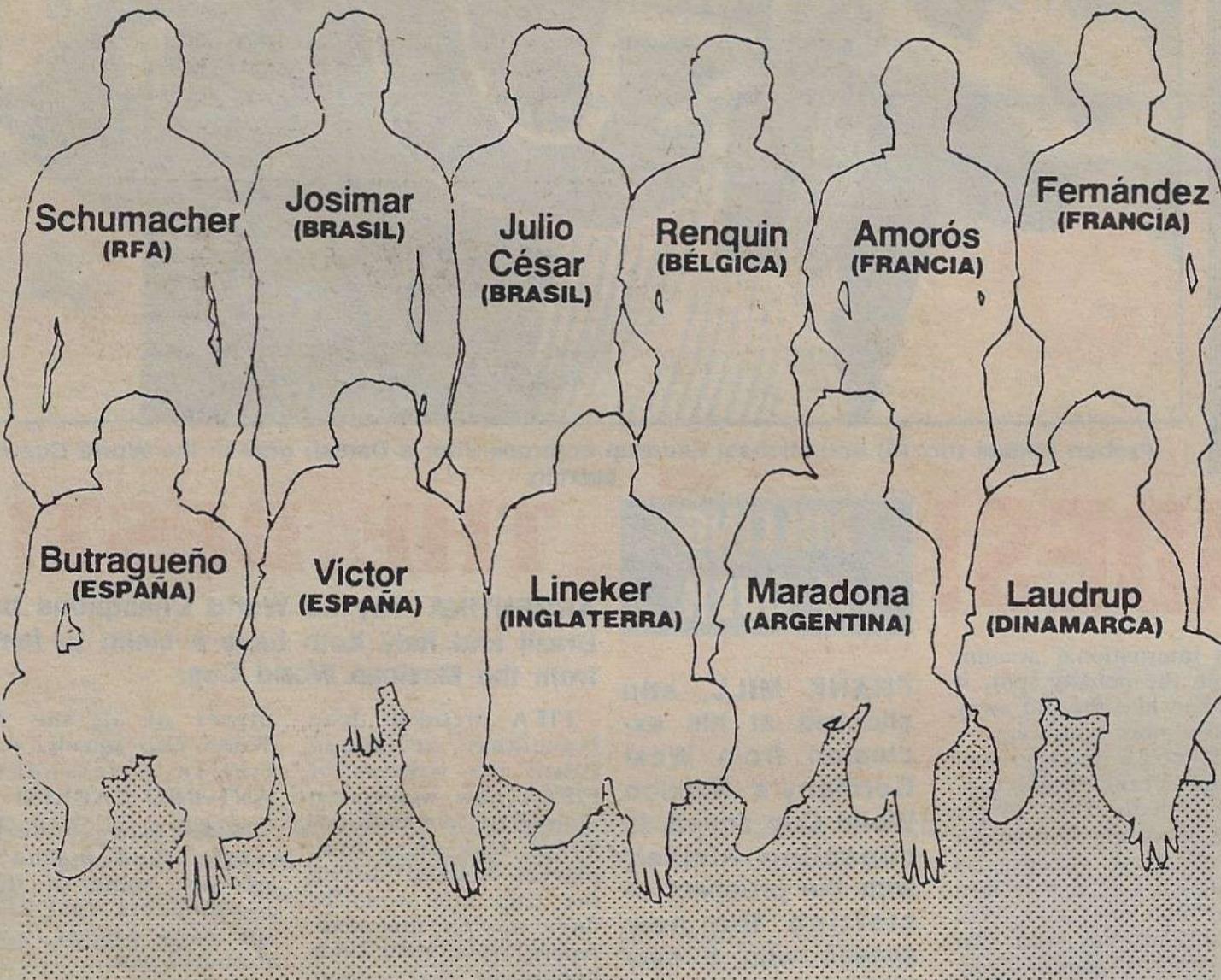
The actual charge is obstructing a policeman in the execution of his duties under the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act.

Vaessen, a self-con-

fessed heroin addict, has been trying to sell his life story to the London tabloids.

He has named top players who he claims

sniff cocaine, and sell it, and one in particular that the former Highbury striker has pinpointed in dealing in cocaine has caused much surprise.



IT seems that every country around the world goes "World Team" crazy after a 'Mundial'.

And ASW has, on this page, highlighted a couple of the selections from a Spanish paper. Like any other they are biased to their home

team, in some cases ridiculously so.

But have a look at the sides and make up your own minds. Over the

last few weeks ASW has published some of the world teams that have been selected, maybe in the near future we might pick our own, but for now we give you the chance to tell us about your perfect 1986 World Cup team. Send your

side to the Write Line and have it published — and don't forget, how about letting us know what Socceroo side you think Australian coach Frank Arok should name for the coming matches against Czechoslovakia.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Former Wales goalkeeper Jack Kelsey has been at Highbury for 36 years. When Jack retired in 1962, he seriously considered returning to Swansea until Arsenal offered him a job.

The club offices were looking for someone to run the lottery and souvenir sales and Jack snapped at it. He has been there ever since.

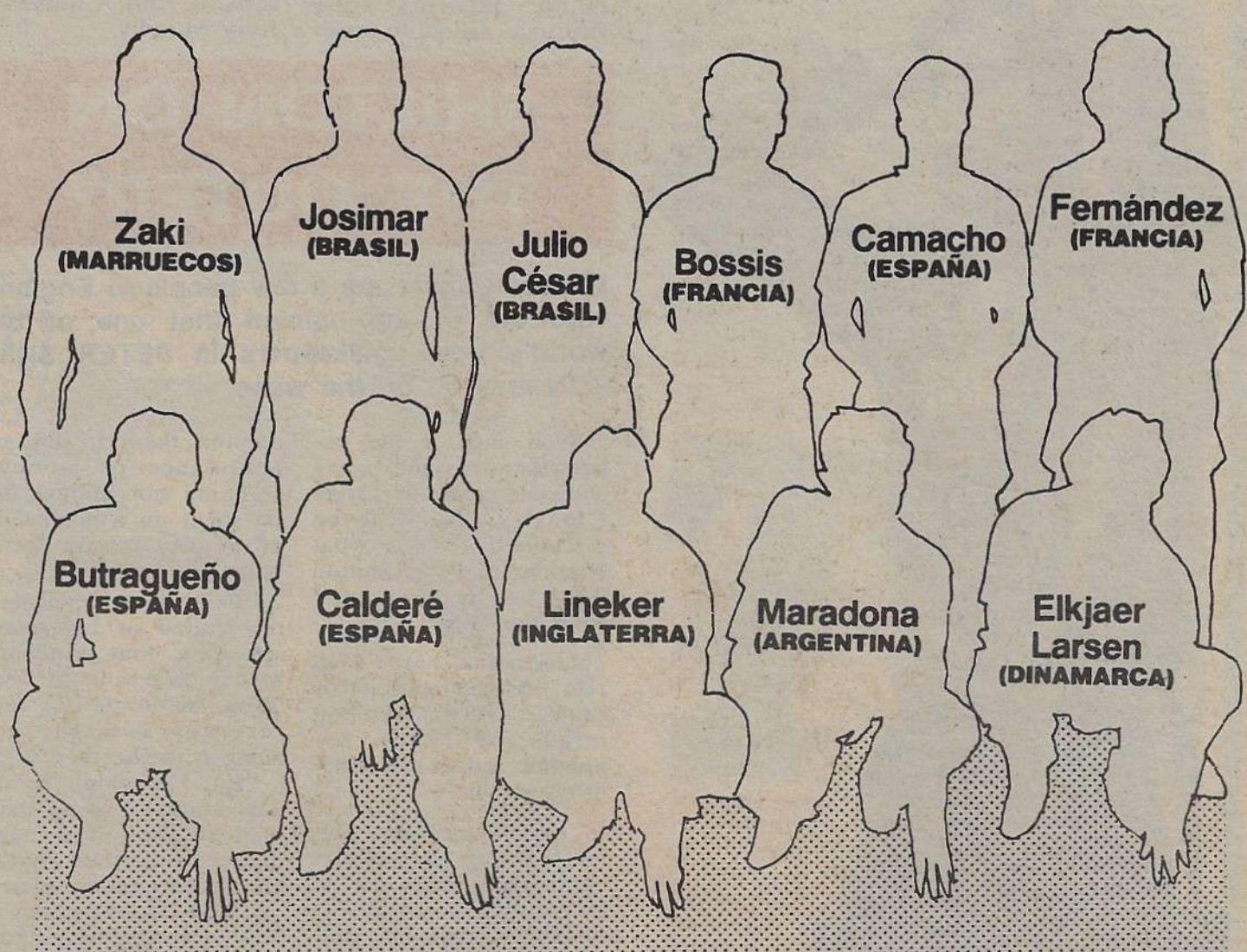
The cheery face behind the counter tells you how much he still loves the club.

'Conceded'

But it might have been so different as Jack recalls. "I played my first game for Arsenal in 1951 and let in five goals. The manager, Tom Whittaker, kept faith in me for the next game at Manchester United, where I conceded a further three by half-time. But I bounced back."

He did indeed, playing 41 times for his country and was a key figure in the 1958 World Cup when Wales reached the Quarter-Finals. But a spinal injury incurred four years later in Brazil forced him to retire.

Saturdays at Highbury are big business for Jack and his little team in the shop, but he still manages to watch the



NATIONAL LEAGUE BLOW UP IN NEW ZEALAND

RUMOURS that some New Zealand national league clubs are on the verge of breaking away from the NZ Football Association are unfounded.

But eight of the 12 clubs involved in the Rothmans League have made it clear that they are unhappy with the criteria for entry into next year's competition and the lack of sponsorship for a league that will be enlarged by two additional teams.

A meeting of the five Auckland clubs expressed disappointment about the NZFA's proposed criteria and sponsorship for the 1987 competition and canvassed the seven clubs outside of Auckland for their views.

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The first three replies from non-Auckland clubs agreed with the five-club meeting that the criteria needed reviewing.

They also asked for more thorough advice on what sponsorship was in the air, what arrangement would be negotiated with a sponsor and how much it would be worth.

"How can clubs be asked to apply for the league when they do not know the sponsorship arrangements," said Papatoetoe president, NZFA councillor and Football Promotions director Noel Robinson.

Speaking as an officer of Papatoetoe, Robinson totally supported the clubs' wariness about the NZFA's approach to next year's league.

"We cannot agree with a criteria that demands a top surface and floodlighting among other things."

"Providing a pitch of the standard required by the criteria would mean only the club's national league side could play on it. This wouldn't be fair to the other teams that need to use the ground."

The clubs believe any sponsorship package should proportion money to the clubs for travel even if it means the exclusion of prize money.



Preben Elkjaer (no 10) and Michael Laudrup embrace after a Danish goal in the World Cup in Mexico.

JACK OF ALL TRADES!

FORMER English international and World Cup winner JACK CHARLTON has been in charge of the Republic of Ireland (Eire) for only four and a half months, but has already won something none of the previous Eire managers could achieve — an international trophy!

Victories against Iceland and Czechoslovakia, soon to tour Australia, in a triangular tournament in Reykjavik in late May gave the Republic their first senior trophy in their 65-year history.

There were rumblings of discontent over the appointment of an Englishman to run the Irish team, but Jack has ignored the critics and quickly set about building a winning team.

Charlton made a bad managerial start, losing to Wales at Lansdowne Road in March. That was followed with a creditable home draw against Uruguay in April.

In the past, Eire's away form has been disastrous and Charlton's team were not given much hope when invited to take part in

the Iceland tournament which celebrated the 200th anniversary of the city of Reykjavik.

Charlton's plans suffered a setback when the Liverpool trio of Mark Lawrenson, Ronnie Whelan and Jim Beglin missed the trip because of an end of season holiday in Spain. Liam Brady was also a late withdrawal because of injury. But Eire did superbly without them.

Paul McGrath scored his first international goal against Iceland. The hosts equalised, but a late goal by veteran Gerry Daly gave Charlton his first win at international level.

Two days later the Republic faced Czechoslovakia, but when Oxford's John Aldridge failed to open

his international account from the penalty spot, it looked like the old away 'curse' was returning.

It took a fine solo goal from Frank Stapleton, his 15th for Eire, to get the vital win and clinch their first success at senior level. It was also the first time since 1972 that Eire has won two consecutive games away from home.

Charlton has given caps to seven new players and has used 25 different players in his four games to date.

Arsenal's Niall Quinn and Portsmouth captain Mick Kennedy made their debuts in Iceland.

The only current internationals that Charlton has not been able to try out are Mark Lawrenson and Chelsea's Jerry Murphy.

MILLING IT OVER

THE BEST!

ARGENTINA may be World Champions but Brazil and Italy both have a claim to fame from the Mexican World Cup.

FIFA president Joao Havelange acclaimed Brazil the winners of FIFA's now well-known 'Fair-Play' competition. Brazil had only three players booked during the Cup and none of these was for foul play. Apart from that their behaviour was exemplary.

The Italians on the other hand took out the award for the 'Best looking and most sensual' player!

Through votes by the many young women involved in the World Cup organising committees, the most handsome

player of all the 24 World Cup squads, was Italian defender ANTONIO CABRINI.

"Charming, very sensual and macho", are just some of the compliments that the Juventus player was attributed with.

In second place was Michel Platini of France and third was Mexican Hugo Sanchez.

Diego Maradona did not poll many votes and neither did the Danes and the Germans, considered much "too cold", the Brazilians lacked personality!

SHILTON ON THE OUTER?

IT seems there are a few people in England who are of the opinion that one of the world's best goalkeepers in PETER SHILTON may be on the wane.

Well such is the impression one gets when someone such as Brian Clough says, "I'll be fascinated to see what happens to Peter Shilton now he has returned from the World Cup."

Rumours have been rife in the game for some time that Shilton might be ready for another move this English summer.

"I've never been one for listening to rumours but it does strike me as more than a little bit significant that his club Southampton have decided to spend \$150,000 on a young goalkeeper.

"At clubs like South-

ampton there is not an abundance of money, certainly not enough to be spent on a goalkeeper to play reserve football.

"If it were Manchester United or Liverpool spending that kind of money on a youngster to 'earn his trade' in the reserves I might go along with the theory.

"But I wouldn't be in a position to spend that kind of fee on a new player and then have him waiting in the wings . . . and I doubt whether Southampton have got in mind with young Tim Flowers from Wolves."

ASW says let's wait and see what happens . . .

STOKE City are to invite the Football Association, Football League and others to discuss the future of the game at a two-day conference in August entitled "Football's family face — the way forward".

The aim is to encourage family involvement.

FORMER Italian great TARCISIO BURGNICH has all but been appointed as manager of second division club, Lecce.

Burgnich will be remembered for scoring one almighty goal in the Italy-West Germany semi-final classic of 1970.

All that remains is his signature on the contract and that shouldn't take too long!

ANTONIO CABRINI is beaten by Michel Platini this time, but 'il bello' won the vote of the young Mexican ladies.

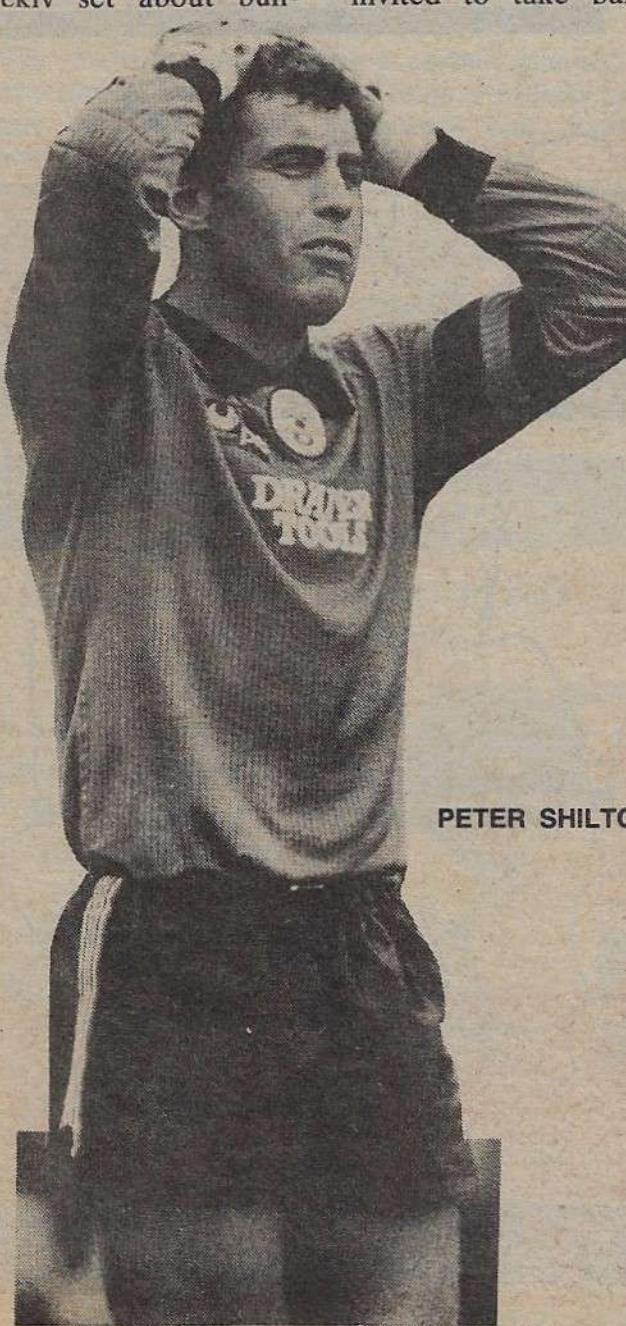
THE entire governing body of Italian Soccer resigned last week after disagreements about how the sport should be run in the wake of a series of scandals and Italy's woeful performance in the Mexican World Cup finals.

The ruling council of the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) resigned en masse after a meeting in Florence and called for the appointment of an "extraordinary commissioner" to run the sport.

The failure of Italy, World Cup winners in

1982, to reach the quarter-finals at least of the 1986 event was regarded as a national disgrace.

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PETER SHILTON

